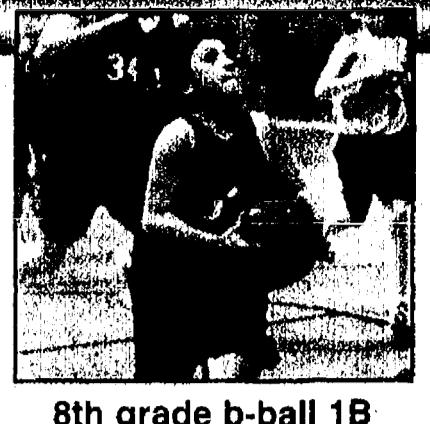




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GUDA, Chamber ask city to consider DDA

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In July of 1999, the Grayling City Council narrowly defeated two motions in favor of creating a downtown development authority (DDA) in Grayling. Last week, the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce asked the city council to once again consider establishing a DDA.

"(A DDA) would give us the opportunity to shape growth in our downtown, and not let growth shape us," said Chamber President Tim Zigila.

A DDA can generate revenue by capturing property tax value increases within the area the district covers, or by asking the city council to levy up to 2 mills, or by utilizing both methods. Most downtown development authorities use the tax increment finance (TIF) method, the capture of increases in property tax values, Zigila said, but he also noted that "taxation" associated with the potential extra millage is a possible downside in creating a DDA.

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School bus fleet earns perfect score

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

It's a tough (and dirty) job, but somebody has to do it... and do it right. Taking care of the fleet of more than 14 school buses that transport students in the Crawford AuSable School District is a challenge and those responsible were awarded recently for their work.

The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division has awarded the district's Transportation Department with a Certificate of Excellence for achieving "100% pass rate" for school bus safety inspections during the 2000-2001 school year.

"We have no idea when the inspectors are coming," explained Transportation Director Bob Vollmer. "So, there is no way to pre-plan their visit. We have to be on our toes all the time."

Vollmer is ultimately responsible for the safety and maintenance of the fleet, but gives credit to Head Mechanic Richard Ohsowski and Assistant Mechanic Brian Hulbert for the success of his department. He also credits his drivers who report problems as soon as they are detected. Vollmer said most drivers will even "tighten a screw" now and then to save bothering the mechanics with minor adjustments and repairs.

Vollmer also gives credit to a program his department uses which puts each bus under an inspection by his own mechanics every 3,000

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Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Crawford AuSable School District's Head Mechanic Richard Ohsowski, Assistant Mechanic Brian Hulbert and Transportation Director Bob Vollmer received a 100% pass rate for the safe conditions of the buses in their care. Only one-third of districts in the state received a perfect score.

Sheriff tasked with DNA collection

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

In an effort to establish and maintain a statewide databank of DNA profiles, the State of Michigan is now mandating collection of DNA samples by local law enforcement beginning January 1.

The use of DNA as evidence in criminal cases has grown tremendously in the past 10 years, causing the State to embark on an efficient way to collect and maintain the biological information. Across the country, many "cold cases" have been solved and convictions made or overturned based on such evidence.

Each person has his or her own distinct DNA profile which can, among other things, help identify a suspect in a criminal case or the parentage of an individual in a custody case. The study of DNA goes above and beyond the capabilities of fingerprinting, though collecting fingerprints remains a staple of detective work.

In Crawford County, Sheriff David Lovely's department will collect samples to be sent to the Lansing databank, but he has yet to receive the kits from the State Police he needs to get started.

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License fees for pets double on March 1

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

What happens if your family pet turns up missing? Ideally, your dog, cat or ferret would be wearing a little tag that would help in its identification if he or she is found as a stray or, heaven forbid, lying by the side of the road.

One way is to talk to a veterinarian about placing a microchip under the skin of your dog or other pet. When the pet is found by a party with a scanner that reads that chip, information will appear giving the name of the owner. It is not a cost-prohibitive identifica-

tion system for a lot of pet owners and is a nationwide service.

Perhaps the most inexpensive way to help Garfield or Snoopy find their way home or to be identified in case of an accident, is to have them licensed through the county, but time is running out before those license fees will double for 2002.

According to the Crawford County Animal Ordinance, all cats, dogs and ferrets must be licensed. Fines can be levied against the owner if your pet is found to be unlicensed during an encounter with the Animal Control

Officer or law enforcement.

Fees for dogs, cats and ferrets are universal. Before March 1, licenses for male or female animals is \$10 each -- but only \$6 for those that have been spayed or neutered.

The lower price is an incentive for pet owners to do their part in preventing unwanted litters. Pets that have been altered are less likely to roam and may avoid reproductive cancers as well as other illnesses.

Be sure when purchasing a license to bring proof of spaying or neutering and proof of a

valid/current rabies vaccination.

Dog licenses can be purchased at the Crawford County Treasurer's office, township halls in Beaver Creek, Frederic, Lovells, Maple Forest, and South Branch as well as at Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, and Roscommon Animal Hospital.

County cat licenses are sold only by the county treasurer, and the above mentioned veterinary offices. Ferret licenses are sold only by the county treasurer.

Kennel licenses are available only through the Animal Control

Officer, Laura Ross at 344-3273. Make sure to leave a message if she is unavailable.

Those who choose to purchase licenses by mail may do so through the county treasurer's office. Make check or money order payable to "County of Crawford" and mail, along with proof of current rabies vaccination and alteration (if applicable) to: Crawford County Treasurer's Office, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Beginning March 1, license fees will double to \$12 and \$20, respectively.

New incentive may increase animal shelter adoptions

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people adopt homeless animals from our local shelter each year. More may do so with a new incentive offered, with the help of the nationwide Petfinder.com website.

As a "Preferred Petfinder.com Partner," the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) has been invited to join an increasing list of shelters and humane societies in the country to offer a 60-day period of free health insurance for pets adopted from the shelter.

According to Petfinder, the insurance covers many conditions and illnesses common to shelter dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

"While the contract signed by the new pet owner at the time of adoption states we make no guarantees on the health of the animal, we are always concerned about our adoptees," said ASCC President Sharon Priebe. "This insurance is a dandy way to help new pet owners when a health issue arises not long after adoption."

Managing the shelter is Vice President Dixie Lobsinger who knows all too well the health problems resulting from taking in animals, many with no known history of shots or health care. Lobsinger feels more people will consider giving a homeless pet from the shelter a try now that there is some

help when medical expenses arise. ShelterCare covers diagnosis and treatment for: kennel cough, intestinal parasites, urinary tract infection, upper respiratory infection, ear infections, mange, Parvovirus; and accidents including: foreign body ingestion removal, motor vehicle accident, fractures, and poison ingestions.

The insurance covers each of these 11 named illnesses and accidents with \$500 maximum coverage and a \$50 deductible per incident. Were a pet owner to purchase ShelterCare on their own, premiums would be \$6.95 per month per animal.

Petfinder.com is picking up the tab for the first 60 days of cover-

age -- regardless of the age, size or type of cat or dog -- as a gift to encourage making "adoption the first option" and to help reduce the amount of dogs and cats euthanized at U.S. shelters each year -- six to seven million in 2000 -- and to "foster widespread responsible pet ownership."

Once a pet is adopted from the shelter, the new owner has 10 days to activate the insurance coverage either on-line or by calling a toll-free number. Unless the adopter extends the ShelterCare coverage for \$6.95 per month via the Internet or telephone, or switches to another program more suited to the needs of the pet within the 60-days, coverage will automatically

expire after 60 days.

Losing said she appreciates the relationship of the ASCC's link to Petfinder.com and how it all came together. "If it wasn't for the efforts of longtime volunteer, Mika Sumner, we may have never found the website. She was our original web expert and the site receives hundreds of hits each week, resulting in many adoptions."

Sumner is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and is currently studying veterinary medicine at Michigan State University.

For more information about the 60-day insurance or adopting a pet, call Lobsinger at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

New city hall may be built on Bear Archery property

► Land owner says space for a new city hall will be included in site plan

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A new city hall could still be built on property located on M-72 West – land that once was the site of Bear Archery operations – according to the current property owner.

Local businessman Bill Gannon, who recently purchased the property, told the Grayling City Council that the land is now in the process of being tested for contaminants and is in line for a clean-up project associated with the Crawford County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Once tests are completed and the necessary clean-up work is determined, a site plan can be created for development of the property, Gannon said.

Gannon plans to include space for a new city hall in the site plan if the city is still interested in relocating there, he said.

The time frame for the whole process is unclear. Gannon said a

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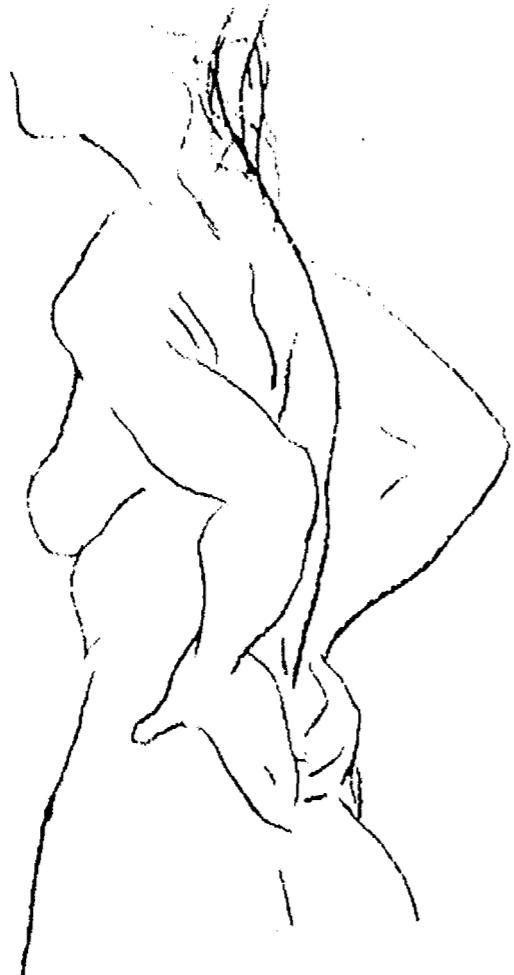
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Let there be no empty bowls!

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

For three years now, the Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (FES PTO) has sponsored a unique fund-raiser to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center in Grayling. Its slogan is "Help us fill the empty bowls in our community!"

The annual event is called "Empty Bowls Benefit" and takes a lot of effort by everyone in Frederic to make it a success.

Teachers, adult volunteers, parents and high school art students help the Frederic Elementary students -- Kindergarten through fifth grade -- design, create and glaze ceramic bowls to be sold at the benefit. In return for the purchase of a bowl, the buyer is treated to an all-you-can-eat soup supper.

The students take a lot of pride in their works of art and encourage everyone in Crawford County and beyond to come to their school, located at 6470 Manistee in Frederic, on Thursday, February 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and help make this year's event the biggest

success yet.

The menu includes chili, soup, bread, breadsticks, hot dogs, chili dogs, stew, desserts and beverages. The cost is \$5 for those over 12 years, \$3 for those age six to 12; kids age five and under eat free (but receive no bowl). The total maximum charge for a family to partake of the supper is \$15.

This year's Empty Bowls Benefit has a special meaning. It is dedicated, and the tradition continued, in honor of former PTO President Vicki Schmidt who continues to recover from a devastating car accident that occurred last August. She and her husband, Terry, continue working hard through physical therapy and rehabilitation. They have two children at Frederic Elementary School.

The Help Center is located on Huron Street (M-72 East) and serves as a food pantry and resource center for those needing a little help to get by during tough times, has a wonderful Christmas dinner distribution program and serves as the distribution point for the local chapter of Toys for Tots. The Help Center



Photo courtesy of Frederic Elementary School PTO

This young man is shaping a ball of clay into what will be a one-of-a-kind piece of art to be donated to the Empty Bowls Benefit, an annual event held in Frederic to benefit the local food pantry. This year's event is planned for February 7.

can be reached at 348-6046.

For more information about the

Empty Bowls Benefit, call Renee Moery at 348-4470.

GUDA, Chamber ask city to consider DDA

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Money generated by a DDA can be used to fund a variety of improvement projects within its district area. Zigil and Bill Gannon of GUDA listed "parking" space for the downtown area as a top priority for potential DDA projects.

"I think this is a good idea," said Councilman Jerry Hayes. "I think this should be pursued."

"I agree," said Councilperson

Kathy Awiszus.

How much money a DDA in Grayling would initially be able to raise is uncertain. School taxes are exempt from capture for any DDA established after the ratification of Proposal A and other local taxing authorities have the choice to "opt out," or not allow their property tax value increases within the district to be captured.

Crawford County Environmental

Monitor Pat Merrill, a member of the Crawford County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) board, said another potential drawback is that the DDA and BRA could end up competing for some of the same funds.

The option to establish a DDA in Michigan was opened in 1975 with the passing of Public Act 197. The purpose of a DDA is to revitalize a declining or deteriorating down-

town area. Currently, over 300 DDAs exist in the state.

After the DDA was voted down in Grayling in 1999, the city council established a community improvement authority (CIA) designed to accomplish many of the same improvements a DDA could. The CIA was funded through the City of Grayling.

The CIA didn't last, however, and it is now defunct.

School bus fleet earns perfect score

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miles. Vollmer said he believes that schedule keeps the fleet running safely and without many incidents of mechanical failure.

During the annual inspection, the buses are looked at from bumper to bumper. Seats, bodies, engines, mechanical work, drive shafts, lug nuts, engine mounting bolts... they are all given close inspection,"

Vollmer said. Safety equipment on the buses, such as emergency exit doors and the top-mounted strobe lights used to increase motorist visibility during inclement weather, is also checked for proper operation and maintenance.

Only one-third of districts in the state received a 100% pass rate score and Vollmer is proud Crawford AuSable Schools was one

of them. "It's a group effort... everybody has to do their part to achieve such a rating. It took the Transportation Department as a whole to win this award," he said.

The school district's Business Manager, Mike Dunckel said the excellent maintenance program saves money for the district and commended all the employees of the Transportation Department.

6th grader wins GMS Geography Bee

Richard Schreiber, a 6th grade student at Grayling Middle School (pictured with Mary Shambarger, a GMS social studies teacher), recently won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 scholarship. During the school-level Bee, students answered oral questions on geography. Ryan Cooper, also a 6th grader, took second place. Additional finalists were: Reid Holzbauer, Cassie Svenson, Jeff Harwood, Lucas Hurd, T.J. Hall, Mitch Freeman, Jacob Emmons, and Drew Rasmussen. Schreiber will have to complete a written test to determine his eligibility for the state competition.



MSU-Extension/4-H office to cut hours in February

The Crawford County MSU Extension/4-H office in Grayling will only be open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays - effective February 4. The change in operation from five days a week to two days a week is a result of recent budget cuts from Crawford County.

Due to financial problems facing county government, county funds that helped support the Extension Office were eliminated. As a result, the 4-H Program Associate has been reduced to a half-time position and the Extension Secretary will share her time between the Extension Office and the County Environmental Office.

These changes will likely have some effect on the 4-H Youth Program in Crawford County. According to Russell Kidd, Crawford County Extension Director, some of the programs and services previously offered through MSU Extension may be reduced.

"Obviously, it will be very difficult to offer the same level of service as we have offered through 4-H in the past. If funding cannot be restored

back to a full-time 4-H position in the near future - through county or other grant dollars - then Michigan State University will withdraw its half-time support."

The MSU Extension office is located in the basement of the County Building.

Its new hours of operation will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is normally closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. The office will keep a drop-off box and message board at the door for people who drop by the office when it's closed for business in case they need to drop off sign-up forms for their children for 4-H programs such as Archery or Swimming. The telephone number for the office remains the same at 344-3264.

"We apologize to people if this new arrangement will cause any inconveniences," says Kidd. "But it was an action that the county had to take to help balance its budget. We certainly hope this won't be a permanent situation - but only time will tell."

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City of Grayling reworks nuisance ordinance

► Public hearing on proposed changes to be held on January 28

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council is currently in the process of replacing two city ordinances, a "junk" ordinance and a "nuisance" ordinance, with one new ordinance designed to "prevent, eliminate, or reduce public nuisance in the City of Grayling," the most recent draft states.

The latest draft of the new nuisance ordinance includes regulations for trash collection receptacles, unsanitary or hazardous property or structures, grass and weed cutting, outdoor storage of motor vehicles, and accumulation of "junk."

(Complete copies of the four-page proposed ordinance are available at the city's offices located on M-72 West.)

City alters ordinance for dumpster pick-up in residential areas

► City council changes ordinance to allow for 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. emptying

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council adjusted one of its ordinances last Monday, allowing its waste hauler to operate one hour earlier.

Last year, the city created an ordinance that limited its waste hauler to emptying dumpsters between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in areas within 500 feet of a residence in

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at its regular meeting on Monday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m.

The new ordinance would be enforced by the Grayling Police Department. At the request of Police Chief Karl Schreiner, the proposed document changes a violation of the ordinance from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction.

Schreiner said the change will make it much easier for his department to enforce the regulations contained within the new nuisance ordinance.

Penalties for violating most of the regulations in the new ordinance will be \$50 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for a third offense (occurring within a three-year period), City Manager Allen Lowe said.

According to the current ordinance draft, people found to be in violation of one of the document's regulations would receive notice of the violation and 10 calendar days to remedy the situation.

Special table crafted just for kids



Photo courtesy of Shirley Schinoock

Grayling Promotional Association's Wish List donation was placed in the new Devereaux Memorial Library, January 7. The solid oak, slanted reading table for children was designed and hand-crafted by Gail and Skip Madsen of Grayling. The new library on Plum Street will open Friday, March 15 at 12 noon with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ice rink is now open

A new ice rink located in the City of Grayling on Crawford AuSable School District property is now open to the public.

Lights are expected to be installed this weekend, city officials said, which will allow for use of the rink up until the 10 p.m. curfew.

The rink, a joint venture between the City of Grayling and the school district, has one side for skating and one side for hockey.

The rink will be closed to the public during school hours due to

CASD's closed campus policy. After school, the rink is open to the public.



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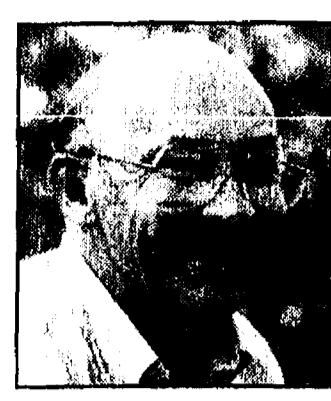
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by Richard Milliman

Democrat's delight: Everyone beats Posthumus

THAT GLEAM IN the eye of your friendly neighborhood Democrat these days could reflect results of a recent poll on the 2002 race for Michigan governor.

According to responses given by 600 likely voters, almost anyone Democrats put up for governor this year will win.

Even the pundits in Washington have moved the race from "Toss Up" to "Leaning Democratic."

Three-term Republican Gov. John Engler is barred by term limits from running again, and the outlook for his hand-picked successor and college buddy, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, is not too bright.

Of course, this is January and the election is in November, and lots can happen between now and then.

And admittedly most folks in Michigan are not paying much

attention to the governor's race yet.

But even so, Democrats are smiling.

HERE'S HOW THE poll lined up in head-to-head matches between Dick Posthumus and the three leading Democratic contenders if the election were held in January:

Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm would win 51 percent to 30 percent, former Gov. James Blanchard would win 50 percent to 31 percent, and U.S. Rep. David Bonior and Mr. Posthumus wind up at 37 percent each.

The rest of the 600 voters in the poll were undecided.

Ed Sarpolis, the respected Lansing pollster whose firm conducted the poll, as quoted in *The Lansing State Journal*, suggested Mr. Posthumus must work on name

recognition and party support to bulk up his position.

He noted that 25 percent of those polled did not recognize Mr. Posthumus' name, and against Ms. Granholm and Mr. Blanchard, the expected Republican standard-bearer fell short of the statewide Republican base vote of 37 percent. Against Dave Bonior, the lieutenant governor recorded only the base GOP 37 percent.

"Not only does he have to build name recognition," Mr. Sarpolis is quoted, "he has to build support within his own party."

Three other announced major party hopefuls -- Democratic State Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith of Washtenaw County, and Republicans State Sen. John Schwarz of Calhoun County and

Oakland County Businessman Ed Hamilton -- have trailed badly in public support and were not included in the January head-on poll.

The January polling of who-could-beat-whom if matched head to head in a general election is not quite the same as measuring party support for individual candidate within each party.

The most recent publicized poll in that regard was in November, when Mr. Blanchard came in with 40 percent Democratic support, Ms. Granholm with 29, Mr. Bonior with 16 and 13 percent undecided. Ms. Smith had one percent.

In the November poll of 300 Republicans, Mr. Posthumus at 46 percent was well ahead of Sen. Schwarz with eight percent and Mr. Hamilton with three percent, but almost as many Republicans -- 43

percent -- were undecided, despite Mr. Posthumus's endorsement by Gov. Engler and the entire formal state GOP organization.

NONE OF THESE margins will stand through the campaign, of course. That's what campaigns are designed to do -- to move voters from one candidate to another, or from undecided to support.

Many factors will intervene -- what happens in the Democratic primary scramble and how it's conducted how the 2002 legislative session turns out how the national and state economies improve, or further deteriorate whether President George Bush's job approval and popularity remain high, and whether those can be transferred to Michigan candidates how many skeletons leap out of

closets how the campaigns are conducted saturation advertising....

All these things and more will help determine who will be Michigan's next governor.

But it's only about six months until the August primary, then another three months until the general election in November.

Sooner or later, people other than politicians will start paying attention to the campaigns for governor.

Whether Democrats will continue to smile depends on what those people decide.

* * *

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Pastor says Bible is God's final authority

To the editor,

Thank you for printing this response to Dr. Mohamad Bazzi's letter to the editor as printed in the Avalanche last week. Dr. Bazzi, thank you for reading and responding to our column. I count it a privilege to publicly dialogue with you.

The Crawford County Avalanche has printed our column for 29 years exercising their freedom of the press. The contents of our columns have been printed without censorship these 29 years respecting our religious freedom. We mutually respect each other's first amendment rights under the U. S. Constitution. Your veiled threats of litigation against both the Avalanche and the Calvary Baptist Church imply that you either do not believe we should have these rights, or that we have abused them. Now we all recognize that in many Muslim nations Christians would face persecution and possibly death for either writing or printing the very article you have challenged. Remember Salman Rushdie? Yet in America we defend the religious liberty of all our citizens, whether they be Jew, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, atheists, agnostics or anything else they may choose to believe.

Your letter was filled with expressions implying both hatred and judgment toward us. However, you spoke in generalities and not in specifics. You condemned the whole article, yet you did not attempt to refute a single statement in it. You said, "This article is infected with ignorance and unfounded, distasteful misinformation." You accused us of writing in a degrading, thoughtless, and une-

ducated insulting manner." You attempted to correct the Church for "it's total lack of knowledge and its medieval ignorance and arrogance reflected in its fruitless, shameful, propagandist attempt to mislead Islam in particular." After veiled threats of litigation, you accused both the Avalanche and Calvary Baptist Church of "hateful motives behind and the shameless cause for printing and distributing such immoral offensive publications in the sinful attempt to mislead the non-Muslim public." Then you closed by demanding a public apology and saying anything less would be, "improper, undiplomatic, and certainly unacceptable." Neither you nor anyone else has yet expressed to us a valid reason that we owe you an apology. We attempted only to state truth, as we believe it to be. Your threatening letter appeared to express the same kind of vehement hatred toward us as infidels of Allah, (which I admit), that the Muslim terrorists expressed by their actions against our nation on September 11th.

If you are a conservative Muslim, we probably agree on many moral and/or political issues which plague our society. But, we cannot reach a religious consensus without one or both of us compromising our beliefs. After a lifetime of experience, I know by faith with absolute certainty that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and God's final authority. The Koran and my Bible (the old 1611 King James English translation), have far too many conflicts and contradictions for both to be right, and for both to be authored by the same God. The God of creation is

not the author of confusion, but of order. I challenge you to prayerfully read the gospel of John through 5 times and ask the God of creation to guide your heart and mind as you read. I am much more concerned about your soul and eternal destiny than merely trying to win an argument with you. As Jesus Christ said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt 16:26) Jesus Christ also said, "Greater love hath any man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). Just as the Muslim terrorists laid down their lives in the name of Allah to destroy innocent human life on September 11th, I am willing to risk my honor and my life to share with you and the Muslim community the love of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins through His vicarious atonement on the cross, and the assurance of eternal life through His bodily resurrection.

As a medical doctor in an honorable profession, I assume you give sacrificing care to promote the health of the patients you serve. As a minister of Jesus Christ, I have the same concern and compassion for the health of your eternal soul. Both you and I will face a sovereign God some day, and I pray that my conscience will be clear, for I have attempted to share with you the truth, love, joy and peace I have found through faith in Jesus Christ, as my God and Savior. Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

Dr. Robert J. Barnett, Pastor

Grayling

Islam bashing may give ammo to terrorists; Pastor should stick to writing about virtues

Dear Editor,

The Muslim community in Dearborn is offended both with the Calvary Baptist Church and the Avalanche over attacks on Islam in "The Bible Speaks."

Why get in a flap over it? Are they making a fuss over nothing? The Pastor didn't say anything THAT bad, did he?

Unfortunately, yes. In a string of articles, Pastor Barnett has made a number of mistakes and downright insulting remarks about Islam. It doesn't help that he says something like "most Muslims are peaceful" one week, and the next week says that all Muslims are taught from birth to hate Christians, and want to make war on the USA.

But why fuss about a few contradictions? Who in Grayling cares? The point is that this sort of thing is insulting to loyal American Muslims and gives ammunition to foreign terrorists. It certainly doesn't prevent terrorism!

The Avalanche has defended itself by saying "The Bible Speaks" is a paid advertisement and not a news or op-ed article.

However, even "advertisers" are supposed to tell the truth - more or less. A hamburger joint may

may not give you the taste sensation they promised, but they aren't allowed to say a rival place makes burgers out of puppy dogs.

Think about it. If someone were to submit a "paid advertisement" saying the Republicans were holding monthly wife-swapping orgies and the Canoe Marathon was running drugs down the river, the citizens of Grayling would be justifiably outraged and the Avalanche would have reservations about printing it.

It is sad to think maybe the slanders about Islam were allowed into print just because Islam isn't as popular as the canoe race in Crawford County, and nobody expected the Avalanche to make its way to a mosque in Dearborn.

Should we worry what people downstate think of us? (Well, just from a practical point of view, remember that Muslims are as fond of the great outdoors as Christians, and their tourist dollars are equally green...)

Much more important, however, is that any newspaper has a responsibility to report the truth and enlighten their readers. The Avalanche is usually conscientious about this.

I would hate to see Grayling get a reputation downstate for being bigoted and racist. I believe that Grayling people are as friendly as people anywhere, and the majority of them are willing to learn about other religions in an open-minded way. The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, for

example, has a long-running study series in which they examine many other religions, Islam included. And after I wrote about Islam in the Avalanche back in November, many people praised my letter.

I learned about Islam from living in Iran and Saudi Arabia. I am not a Muslim myself. However, I feel in my bones that if we want to defuse future terrorism and promote world peace, we need to understand other religions in a spirit of tolerance and truth, not to make unfounded accusations about them.

Why is a Man of God fixated on attacking Islam in the first place? Surely he can't believe his parish is in danger of being converted! (Have I missed something? Are Muslim missionaries ringing doorbells around here?) Or does he think that demonizing another religion's beliefs is "patriotic"? Our President, George W. Bush, has not chosen to run down the Muslim faith, and no one could accuse him of being "unpatriotic"!

I would like to appeal to Pastor Barnett to confine himself to writing about the Christian virtues, such as love, faith, humility and brotherhood - which he does very well - and not demean his Christian calling or his dignity by trying to misrepresent people whose "sin" is to worship God in a different way than we do.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

Murphy tribute tastefully done

To the editor,

I have never written a letter to the editor before, but I was so moved by Cheryll Ruley's story about Joe Murphy, I had to write.

It was very tastefully done. It is the sentiment of many of the people in Grayling and the surrounding area.

He will be missed dearly. God bless you, Cheryll.

Joyce Sorenson
Grayling

Let all the kids play

To the editor,

I'm not writing this letter to anger anyone, but I was recently at a Grayling High School basketball game, one of many I have attended. It was a very good game, with a lot of lead changes, and then finally Grayling was victorious in overtime.

But, it is this writer's view that Grayling could have won easily if the coach would have played three kids that didn't even get to take off their warm-up jerseys.

To me, the starters were tired and making mental mistakes towards the end of the game, so why weren't fresh players put in to give them a break? I hope and pray it wasn't because of the kids'

social status, family involvement in the school district, or that they weren't as talented. If every kid out there keeps up his grades and turns out at all practices, they should at least get to play.

I graduated from a big downstate school where it didn't matter who you were or where you were from, but everyone got their chance to play. Maybe someday, coaches, you can say, "I played catch with Kirk Gibson," or "I taught Jim Miller how to throw a football." And, don't forget... Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

Coach Rick Cook
Redskin Football
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words. Exceptions may be considered. Every letter must be signed and

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows. Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

New ice rink depends on volunteers

Volunteers are needed to prepare and maintain the new ice skating rink located by the Grayling Middle School. Call Tom Wellman at 348-9331 to earn community service hours or to be involved with this project which will benefit the youth of Grayling.

St. John Ladies hosts card party/lunch

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, January 30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located on Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at 348-9169.

Lions Lucky 13 raffle winner named

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 3 is Leroy Christian of Grayling.

Wild Turkey group plans annual banquet

The annual National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) sanctioned banquet and auction will be held Friday, February 8 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Sponsored by the Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of the NWTF, Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and program to follow at 7 p.m. Dinner is a buffet-style with prime rib and stuffed chicken breast. Tickets are \$45 per person (includes membership); with spouse \$65; sponsor's ticket is \$220 and Jakes are \$20 each. Evening includes presentation of NWTF Gun of the Year, door prizes, silent auctions, raffles and auction (items include guns, artwork and lots of other merchandise). The Early Bird Drawing deadline is Monday, February 4; prize is a \$100 raffle ticket package. For more information, call Treasurer Dennis Ryan at 348-8358.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of January 20 were Joann Yoder, Gloria Neilson, Val Priebe, and Mary Callewaert.

Recipes needed for fund-raising project

The Fund-raising Committee for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County is looking for help compiling a new cookbook; sale proceeds from the book will benefit the homeless animals cared for at the shelter. Print clearly or type one or more favorite recipe and drop off at Northern Tails Groomer or the Avalanche office, both on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Be sure to include name and town to assure proper credit in the cookbook. Deadline is February 28. For more information, call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

RC&D guest speaker to address groundwater withdrawal

Huron Pines RC&D will feature guest speaker Andrew Guy, a journalist and community organizer for the Michigan Land Use Institute, at its annual meeting on February 2 at the K of C Hall in Hillman.

Guy will discuss how Michigan can take a leadership role in protecting its most valuable liquid asset. He writes, "Water security - for the citizens of Michigan and the world - depends on conservation and clear rules for withdrawals and exports. But a proposal by the Perrier Group, the nation's leading water bottler, to divert Great Lakes water from central Michigan shows that the state's water laws and regulations are inadequate to protect citizens and to prevent commercial exploitation of Great Lakes water."

The Huron Pines RC&D Annual Meeting is normally attended by representatives from its sponsors, the Conservation Districts and County Commissioners, as well as resource agency personnel, environmental organization members, and other interested parties and supporters. Members of the general public are welcome to reserve a seat at no cost for the presentation-only portion of the meeting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. by contacting the office at (989) 348-9319.

Guy, who was born in Traverse City and raised in Grand Rapids,

Stories being collected for historical book

Stories and photos of military veterans of all eras, as well as civilian stories of those who worked in areas unconventional for their time (i.e. riveter, assembly line, forestry, USO, Red Cross, miner, Merchant Marine, railroad, farmer, etc.) are being collected for consideration in an upcoming historical book.

Stories of those who have passed away are also welcome, even if they were in the Civil War. The author says she knows there are a lot of stories out there, including many about women, and she is interested in hearing about them.

The author intends to compile these stories in a historical book to be sold with proceeds to go to the future Mancelona Museum. Stories do not have to be just from those in the Mancelona area. All will be considered.

Pick up a submission form in

the Avalanche office.

Music series to feature U of M Men's Glee Club

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Learning Through Music Series" will feature a performance by the University of Michigan's Men's Glee Club on Friday, January 25, at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The U of M Men's Glee Club, founded in 1859, is the second oldest collegiate chorus in the United States, and the oldest continuing student organization on the Michigan campus. Long acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world, the Glee Club is renowned for its wide repertoire, which included Renaissance motets, Romantic

anthems, opera choruses, spirituals, contemporary works, and of course, Michigan songs.

Tickets for the Glee Club show are \$10/adult and \$8/student or senior. To pre-order tickets, call 344-3539.

The show starts at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7:15 p.m.

The U of M Men's Glee Club performance is the fourth of six events scheduled for this season's Cultural Events "Learning Through Music Series." The series is sponsored by several area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Cultural Events dinner show to feature the Macombers

On Thursday, January 31, the Community Cultural Events Command Performance Dinner Series continues with a return appearance of the Macombers, the premier college show choir ensemble from Macomb Community College.

Under the direction of Marie Rees and Harvey Kahl, this lively upbeat group of young performers will present a highly choreographed show that will offer "something for everyone." As Michigan's oldest performing college show choir, they are constantly changing their musical selections and personnel. The group consists of fifteen singers and dancers as well as instrumentalists, a production assistant, coordinator, and director.

The Command Performance Series offers family entertainment in

O-negative blood needed

Low blood collections resulting from the holidays, the first bursts of winter weather, and the onset of cold and flu season, have caused an extreme shortage of Type O-negative blood, threatening to put critical care patients at risk in Michigan hospitals.

Officials with the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross are encouraging new and regular donors to check out the ease and convenience of giving blood and to help resolve what could be a serious situation.

"Blood shortages are always critical," said Fred Sterns, executive director of the Region that serves 63 counties and 70 hospitals across the state. "But shortages of Type O-negative can be extremely serious. As the universal donor, Type O-negative can be transfused to anyone, and is greatly needed to save the lives of accident and trauma victims when time is of the essence."

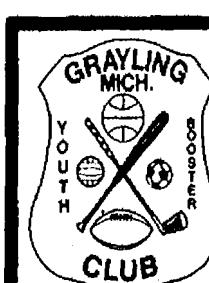
Sterns said the Red Cross is appealing to the thousands of donors who gave blood for the first time in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. He says many people don't realize that blood is needed everyday -- not just in times of emergency and crisis.

"We're doing everything we can to educate the public that patients in Michigan hospitals need blood day in and day out," Sterns said. "If you've ever wondered what you can do to help your community, consider giving blood. It's something you can do that only takes an hour of your time



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The Bible Speaks

Anniversary Issue

This week marks our 30th Anniversary as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling. It also marks our 29th year of The Bible Speaks articles. While the world has changed much during these 30 years, our column has remained consistent because it is based upon an unchanging Bible. We have attempted to apply Biblical truth in precept or principle to every area of life. God's truth is always relevant to a reasonable world and life view. We exposed the atheism of Communism even during the Vietnam War when it was not popular in many circles to do so. We have exalted Bible truth in the face of "political correctness" which attempts to promote and defend immorality. We have attempted to be valiant for the truth regardless of who disagrees or is offended. Today we stand against the political and religious tyranny of terrorism which threatens the very existence of Western Civilization. America's God-given freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness have made us the envy of the world.

We commend President Bush, his brilliant staff, and our military heroes for their success thus far in Afghanistan. But we cannot stamp out evil with just bombs. If people are not given political and religious freedom and given a chance to make their own choices and live their own lives, they will continue in darkness and despair. God's goodness has made America great. And only God's goodness through America can make other countries great. "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" It has been encouraging to see God brought back into American life. Everywhere we drive we see God's name exalted again. We hope to see the same thing in Afghanistan some day.

Last year we wrote an article entitled "Holy War" in which we gave a brief syn-

opsis of world events leading up to the return of Christ. The heart of the issue is Israel's God-given right to her own land and existence as a nation. The Holy Land belongs to God according to Lev. 25:23. God has given this land to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel or Jacob forever as stated in Exo 32:13. The Koran makes Ishmael, the first born son of Abraham, heir of the Holy Land. Even Abraham desired this of God in Genesis 17:18, and historical tradition of the period would have assumed it. But God who gave the land to Abraham made Isaac's seed His heir. God told Abraham not to be grieved with the decision, it was God's choice. (Gen 21:12). God promised to bless Ishmael and make of him a great nation in Genesis 17:20. The seed of Ishmael now controls a multitude of nations in the Middle East numbering over a billion people. Yet, they still covet that tiny piece of ground called Israel unto this day. The Arabs have covenanted to drive the Jews into the sea from the first day they were reborn as a nation in 1948. This is the driving force behind the terrorism we face today. This conflict between Isaac and Ishmael is used as an allegory in Galatians 4 to describe the battle all Christians face daily between the flesh and the spirit. The bombing of September 11th introduced the United States into this Holy War between the seed of Isaac and Ishmael.

The above war which spans millenniums will only end when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth from Jerusalem. Details of that last war are clearly stated in Zechariah 14:1-3: "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall

the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

The above battle is the last part of the great battle of Armageddon as also described in Revelation 16:16. A number of facts can be discerned from the scriptures. Israel will be in control of the Holy Land at the time of Christ's return. The nations of the world will be united against Israel in that day. This means the seed of Ishmael will convince the rest of the world that Israel is wrong. My great concern is the future of our own nation. Bible believing Christians should do everything in their power to see that America continues to support Israel until Jesus Christ returns. Our present war will definitely determine the future of America. Pastor B

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Carpenters celebrate four generations



Photo submitted by Jennifer Carpenter

Celebrating four generations of the Carpenter family are, from left: Donna Carpenter - great grandmother, Larry Carpenter - grandfather, Nick Carpenter - grandson, and Heather Keene - great granddaughter, all of Grayling.

HONORS

Missouri Valley College

Marianne Vollmer of Grayling, has been named to the dean's list for the Fall semester of 2001 at Missouri Valley College.

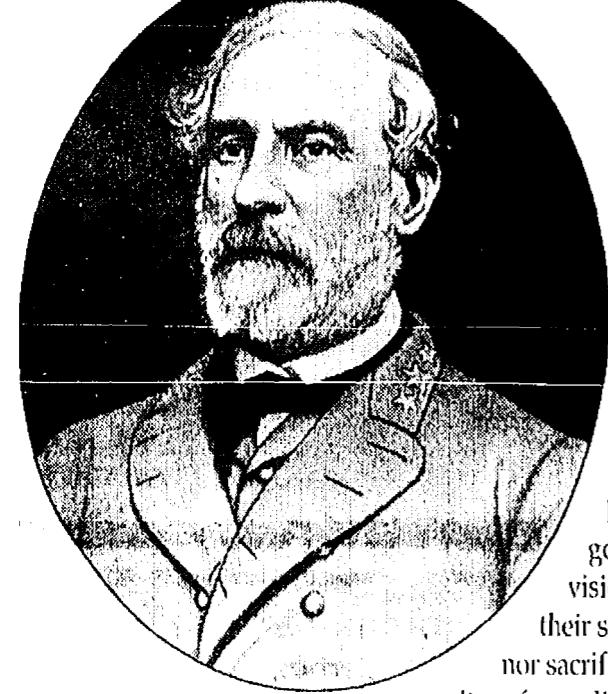
To attain a place on the dean's list, students must have at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale, with no grades below a C and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Hope College

Vickie L. Carter and Lindsey S. Voelker, both of Grayling, were named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2001-02 school year at Hope College.

To attain a place on the dean's list, students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Stand In the Gap



God told Ezekiel: "I sought for a man... who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before me and for the land... but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)

And God still looks or people who will "stand in the gap" and build up the wall on which He can build His kingdom. He looks for good people, people of vision, those who will not sell their souls for a mess of potage, nor sacrifice their birthrights on the altar of expedience in the marketplace.

Pompeii, Roman general and statesman, put it: "It is a small matter that I should move forward and die. It is too great a matter that I should take one step backward and live."

Following the bloody years of the Civil War, the name and character of General Robert E. Lee never faltered nor wavered. This great general stood taller in defeat than most generals ever stood in victory.

One day a group of men approached him about heading a business enterprise of questionable nature. They offered him \$50,000. "You will have to do nothing. All we want is the use of your name," they told him.

General Lee stood tall behind his desk. "Sirs, my name is the heritage of my parents. It is all I have, and it is not for sale."

The gaps are all around us. People, men and women, go and stand!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Acts	Acts
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Gift shop features a variety of talents

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Two local sisters, and a friend they consider "just like a sister," opened a small gift and craft shop in Grayling last November. "It's All Relative Country Crafts & Stained Glass Gifts" is filled with unique gift ideas, as well as traditional country crafts collectors and decorators have come to expect.

"It's always been my dream to have a store," Connie Argue said. "And, the time was right."

Argue, along with sister Billie Jo Miller and close friend Bev Dierolf heard opportunity knock late last fall when they looked into renting a vacant shop in the Emporium in Uptown Grayling. Small, but functional, the ladies are quite happy with their location. "We opened just in time for the Christmas Walk in November and had a good turn out," Argue said.

Each woman brings a special talent to the goods at It's All Relative. Argue specializes in dried floral arrangements and takes custom orders for any occasion or any decor.

Dierolf's specialty is customized sweatshirts inlaid with colorful fabric and Miller's talents lie in decorative painting and stained glass creations.

"Another reason why we decided to open the shop is we got real tired of packing and unpacking for craft shows," said Miller. The ladies were on the craft show circuit around northern Michigan for nearly five years when Miller and Argue's father, Calvin Hawley,

became ill. "We took time off from doing the craft shows during Dad's illness. He really was the reason why we started going to craft shows in the first place," Miller said.

Hawley loved woodworking and created many things before he died, but his specialty was making wooden geese and their young. Miller explained he began to accumulate his work in the garage. She and Argue decided it was time to find a way to sell his collection. They added their crafts to the sale and the "family business" was born.

The trio also was concerned about pricing their items. "We decided we would price our items at what we would pay for them if we saw the same thing at a craft show," said Miller. "Prices have to be affordable for the local people."

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, the ladies have created many gift ideas with prices starting at just \$5, making the purchase of a special gift affordable for everyone from youth to senior citizen.

There are also many spring and Easter items available and more in production. Garden-themed items and dried/silk floral arrangements featuring sunflowers, roses and daisies bring color to the shop. Stained glass yard sticks of dragonflies and flowers come in two sizes and are sure to draw attention to any garden or flower bed. Don't forget to ask to see some very unique music boxes.

The ladies agree their work is therapeutic. "We love to do this work and being able to sell it in our own shop is a bonus," Dierolf



Photos by Cheryll Ruley

Connie Argue, Bev Dierolf and Billie Jo Miller have combined their artistic talents and opened It's All Relative Country Crafts & Stained Glass Gifts. The shop is filled with an array of hand-made items, most one-of-a-kind, offered at affordable prices.



Show is just a sampling of floral arrangements and decorative gift ideas available at It's All Relative.

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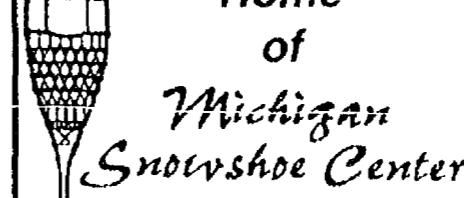
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The Grayling Police Department handled the following 38 complaints during the week of January 13 through January 19:

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

The second Annual Parents Activity Night will be held this Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Grayling Middle School. This will be a fun filled evening for both the parents and the children.

There will be four seminars for parents to attend along with a short introduction at Asset Building. Parents will have a choice of : Art with Dean Worden, Sports Rules - How Rules Have Changed since We Went to School, Computers - bring in your toughest computer problems for our experts, and Drugs in the Middle School - Do you have to worry about this problem?

There will be pizza and snacks available at the snack bar and free babysitting available for all children fifth grade and younger. This is our

once-a-year event for parents to get involved at the middle school.

Next week MEAP Testing starts at the middle school so please double check that your kids are getting enough sleep and eating breakfast.

Tuesday, January 29 is a half day of school beginning with a 12:16 release at the high school.

Thursday, January 31, the eighth graders will be having a Perk Trip at Hanson Hills. This event is a reward trip for kids who have turned in all their homework, have few absences and are really trying to succeed this year.

The Spring Musical will be holding try-outs this week. Rehearsals will begin next week. This is for the spring dinner theater of March 23.

Parent Survey - Please remember to fill this out and have your child return it to school. Here's your

chance to express your feelings about the middle school.

Phoenix Program: Both the TLC and CIC classes went to a bottling plant and dairy farm in Kalkaska this past Wednesday. They had a wonderful time and learned a lot.

Ms. Carlene Hubbell, from Catholic Human Services, Inc. will begin presenting alcohol and drug abuse information to the students in March and April on a weekly basis.

Please remind your child not to bring CD's CD players or game boys to school. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property.

Our second annual Fun Fest is scheduled for May 10 at Hanson Hills. We are in the planning stages for this event so join us at our next meeting, February 14, to help us make this another great event for our children.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 82 complaints the week of January 14-20:

Twenty-nine traffic accidents, three non-traffic accidents, two parking violations, one traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - all others, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, three suspicious situations, nine general non-criminal, one snowmobile incident, five false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one motor vehicle theft, two fraudulent activities, two damage to property, seven public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safety, one conservation, one driving violations/DWLS etc.

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December 4-5, the fifth graders performed their music concert. Many considered it to be their best yet as a result of hard work by the students and their teachers.

December 10, the AP/GE PTO hosted "Cookie Night." Everyone decorated a cookie or two, had a cup of hot cocoa and listened to Christmas stories.

December 12, the 2/3 split multi-age class held an Author's Tea featuring the students' writings and illustrations. Each child invited a guest to come and listen to their story, along with other guests and classmates.

December 10-14, the Acting Up Theatre Company worked with all the fifth graders to study and create

dramatic sketches based on the birth of our nation. Students performed scenes based on The Ride of Paul Revere, The Boston Massacre, and The Boston Tea Party. Through their dramatic efforts, the students showed parents and fourth graders the love of liberty we still love and fight for today. Students wrote the play, chose characters, made props and rehearsed 45 minutes per day for one week.

Mrs. Pahssen's and Mrs. Voelker's classes have entered a contest for the "Yak Section" (student section) of the *Detroit Free Press*. The children submitted winter stories and created winter artwork; four were winners: Dillon Helsel, Mickey DeFranco, Jeremy Dodge, and Mindy Weigel. The newspaper sent them prizes and published their works.

December 18-19, Kindergarten classes sang Christmas carols at

Mercy Manor. In return, the staff there handed out "reindeer food" to all of the kids.

Second grade classes are working on eye (from cows/goats) dissection and will study all parts of the eye prior to the dissection. Dr. Aubry is assisting the students.

Mrs. Boik's class visited the Atlanta Zoo through the magic of technology. They are studying a variety of ecosystems and the animals that inhabit them. On January 22, students will go on another "field trip" to learn more about food chains.

At Christmastime, all second grade students took a "trip around the world" and studied the traditions of many countries. A craft day was included.

Tandy Mitchell, from Mrs. Goetz's Kindergarten class was the winner of the chocolate house raffle. Mrs. Julie Conforti created and

donated the house to the AuSable Primary for the raffle.

Safety Patrol students of the month were: September - Hannah Smith; October - Brianna Farrell; November - Leigha Stevens; and December - Peter Alexander.

Please remember: When picking someone up or dropping them off at school, come to a complete stop at the intersection, use your turn signal and remember the pedestrian has the right-of-way.

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Beverly Andrus, Julie Forman, Linda Munsey, Melissa Piehl, Nicole Trudeau and Mark Huffman, Grayling and Roscommon area students have achieved Dean's List honors recognition for the Fall 2001 term at Davenport University, Gaylord Center.

Students who have earned at least 27 credits and achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average are awarded Dean's List honors.

Western Michigan University

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Above all this week, remember:

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by Jan Farley

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Thu. Jan. 24 - Chicken & Dressing/Chopped Sirloin; BP's and Sugars taken 11 a.m. to noon; New Bible Study with Elizabeth at 11 a.m.; Adult Education class at 1 p.m.; Uno-Attack game at 5:30.

Fri. Jan. 25 - Sweet & Sour Pork

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Mon. Jan. 28 - Chopped Sirloin/Chicken ala king; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Jan 29 - Pork Cutlets/Stuffed Peppers; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Cards at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Jan 30 - Breaded Fish/Ham Steak; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30; RSVP Card Ladies and Crafts, both at 1 p.m.; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES**F. Todd Reeves****March 30, 1964 - Jan. 17, 2002**

Tech. Sgt. F. Todd Reeves, 37, of Traverse City, died Thursday, January 17, at his home. Todd was born March 30, 1964, in Reed City, the son of Wayne and Katherine Lynne (Barr) Reeves.

On May 14, 1988, at Bible Baptist Church in Traverse City, Todd married the former Tammy Patanella. On July 26 of that year, Todd joined the U.S. Air Force and served until December 26, 2001.

Todd was very proud of his commitment to serve our country through the Air Force and had a tremendous love for his country. Following basic training at Lackland AFB, he served at Plattsburgh AFB in New York with the 380th Supply Squadron. During this time he received the honors of Airman of the Quarter once, and Airman of the Year three times. He graduated from NCO Preparatory School as a "Distinguished Graduate." He then graduated from Airman Leadership School earning the "John Levitor" award.

Todd also served in Germany and spent 120 days in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Southern Watch. Todd was reassigned to Moody AFB in Georgia in 1995 and from there, in support of Operation Southern Watch, was deployed to Bahrain for 120 days in 1999.

He received his promotion to TSgt. on March 1, 2000. During his 13 year military career, Todd was decorated with 14 medals and

ribbons, including the Kuwait Liberation Medal. At his retirement, Todd was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. During his tenure with the Air Force, Todd was known for his great leadership abilities and for mentoring his fellow service men and women.

Todd enjoyed hunting, was a great reader of books, and especially enjoyed history. He volunteered his time at an historical museum in upstate New York when he was stationed there. He also enjoyed photography, especially in the black and white medium, and was a licensed firearms instructor.

Todd is survived by his wife, Tammy and their children, Amanda and Tristan, to whom he was a wonderful father; by his mother Lynne Reeves of Grayling; his brothers, Timothy Evans of Alpena and Curtis (Deanne) Evans of Charlotte. He is also survived by his nephew and niece Cameron and Madeline Evans, his special nieces, Jennifer and Jamie Evans of Grayling; his grandmother, Katherine Park of DeBary, Florida; his mother and father-in-law, Linda and Joseph Patanella of Traverse City; a brother-in-law, Joseph (Jennifer) Patanella II of Traverse City; his niece, Angela Rose Patanella; his grandmother and grandfather-in-law, Anthony J. and Helen Marie Patanella and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Also surviving is Todd's dear friend Duane Brooks of Grayling, and Todd and Tammy's dearest friends, Eric and Michelle Harrell of New York state.

Todd was preceded in death by his son, Tyler, in 1991, and by his father, Wayne.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 22 at First Christian Church with the Reverend Larry Ross officiating. Military honors will be offered by Todd's colleagues from Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Selfridge Air Force Base. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Boston Children's Hospital, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Rama L. Stimpson**Nov. 23, 1918 - Jan. 20, 2002**

Rama Lucile Stimpson, age 83, of Lovells, died Sunday, January 20 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She was born on November 23, 1918 in Antwerp, Ohio to Arista and Dessie Lou (Curtis) Carr. Rama Carr married Phyl Stimpson on August 31, 1941 in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Stimpson had been a resident of Lovells since 1982 after retiring as the church secretary of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

She was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, reading and bird watching.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phyl who died on January 23, 1986, her parents and one brother, Rolland Carr.

She is survived by two daughters: Suzanne Parlasca of Reno, Nevada, Annette Stimpson of Lovells; one son: Kurt (Geraldine) Stimpson of Ingleside, Illinois; four grandchildren: Kristin Lockhart of Saline, and Angie, Jessie, and Kassie Stimpson of Ingleside, Illinois.

She leaves behind great-grandchildren Katelynn and McKenzie Lockhart of Saline, one sister, Betty Miller of Henderson, Nevada and one brother, John "Jack" (Juanita) Carr of Antwerp, Ohio and sister-in-law Doreen Carr of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, January 25, at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

Arrangement by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Emil C. Niederer**May 20, 1937 - Jan. 16, 2002**

Emil Clarke Niederer, 64, of Grawn, died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 16, at Munson Medical Center.

Emil was born May 20, 1937, in Grayling, the son of Emil and Kathryn (Clark) Niederer. Emil graduated from Grayling High School and then entered the U.S. Navy, serving from 1955 through 1959 as a medical corpsman in Washington, D.C. After his discharge from the service, he attended Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and while there, was employed as the first EKG technician at Munson Medical Center, having been trained on the instrument during his military service. He then graduated from NMC and attended Michigan State University where he earned his teaching degree. Prior to his retirement, he taught science and health education, first at Central Junior High School, then at West Junior High School, and finally at East Junior High School. His teaching career spanned over 30 years with the Traverse City Area Public Schools.

Emil was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elk Rapids, and was previously a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City. He was very active in the Heart Walk and finished in the top of his age group each year.

Emil also worked as a server at practically all of the annual NMC barbecues. He was a model participant of the Vital Choice Exercise Program at Munson, enjoyed swimming, taking pottery classes,

studying computer at NMC and enjoyed, as well as having studied, spiders. Emil was a life member of the Grayling Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He really was a fantastic and dedicated father and husband.

Mr. Niederer is survived by his wife, the former Tish Vance, whom he married July 18, 1987, at St. Paul's Church in Elk Rapids; his children, Paul Niederer of Marquette, Heidi Niederer of Mt. Pleasant, the children's mother, Patti Coe of Grayling; his sister, Betsy (Don) Millikin of Grayling; many nieces, nephews and cousins; his stepchildren, Mary E. (Mark) Dwight of Austin, Texas, Mark (Wendy) Sanders of Farmington Hills, Ken (Lisa) Sanders of Plymouth; eight step grandchildren; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Sam (Ginny) Vance of Rapid City, and Mary Martha (Chet) Danforth of Citrus Heights, California.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 18 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elk Rapids, with the Reverend Catherine Woods Richardson officiating. Burial will take place in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The American Heart Association, Michigan Affiliate, or to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Jennie Marie Laurie**Sep. 3, 1902 - Jan. 19, 2002**

Jennie Marie Laurie, age 99, of Lovells, died in Gaylord on Saturday, January 19. She was born in Oslo, Norway on September 3, 1902 to Johan and Martine Kristiansen.

The former Jennie Marie Kristiansen was married to William G.F. Laurie on June 7, 1937 in Toledo, Ohio. He preceded her in death on December 6, 1983.

Mrs. Laurie lived in Lovells since 1947 when she moved from Royal Oak. She was a homemaker, a member of Lovells Community Chapel and Lovells Cheerful Givers.

She loved animals and children and had a succession of dogs named "Tuppence" and nicknamed "Tuppy."

Funeral services were Monday, January 21 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Pastor Ernie Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Raymond J. Apley**Sep. 22, 1925 - Jan. 15, 2002**

Raymond J. Apley, 76, of Grayling died Tuesday, January 15 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Mr. Apley was born in Hialeah, Florida on September 22, 1925 to Raymond John and Hazel (Kile) Apley. He married the former Barbara Wilson on January 27, 1979 in Flint.

Mr. Apley moved to Grayling in 1979. He was a member of the American Legion. He served his country from 1942-1946 in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as an Aviation Radioman Second Class aboard the U.S.S. Hornet. He received the following commendations: Asiatic Pacific (Four Stars), American Area Good Conduct, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Citation, Air Medal.

He served as a state representative in Lansing for two terms. Mr. Apley also served as a human resources personnel manager in various professions: for General Motors, for his own roofing company, dry cleaning, and security. He also supervised Hanson Hills Recreation.

He enjoyed traveling, boating, fishing, cooking for family gatherings, and being with his family. He was an avid Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Lions fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and one grandson Raymond Stanton.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and his children: Cindy Merchant and David Grohman, Grayling, Kelly Merchant and Michael Malmborg of Cadillac, Tammy (Larry) Carpenter of Roscommon, Shelly Bohn and Bruce Little of Cadillac, Michele Apley and Wayne of Alaska, Byron (Barbara) Apley of Washington Township, Mary (Terry) Audette of Detroit, Cathy Apley and Ron Pytleski of Washington Township, Regine (David) Yanniello of Mt. Clemens.

He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one brother, Clarence Apley of California. Left behind is special friend Rose VanAuker and a field of friends.

He was the world's greatest husband and dad, he was our shining star! We will miss you Pops!

Funeral services were Friday, January 18 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Pastor David C. Rosenberg officiating. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Doris E. Vant**Jan. 16, 1929 - Jan. 18, 2002**

Doris Elaine Vant, age 73 of Roscommon, died Friday, January 18.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 23 at 12 noon at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North in Roscommon.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Card of Thanks

The family of Julia Ingalls would like to thank all our friends and family that came to us in our time of need.

Also, special thanks to Dr. Guno and his staff for the wonderful care given our mother.

Thank you Hospice, Nurse Nina, Nurse Judy and Laura, they were not only there for their patient, but they helped our whole family.

Thank you Pastor Lyle Studer, Sr., for the lovely service and years of friendship.

Thank you to the American Legion Post 106 Women's Auxiliary for the delicious luncheon.

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Larry also spent 2 years in the Army and was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 4th Class. He is a licensed soccer coach and has coached for 18 years, with 6 of those years as Assistant Coach/Goalkeeper Coach for Milford High School.

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EDITOR

Conflicts bring senior needs to light

To the editor,

Greetings to you all. Many things happened this week at the Commission on Aging to encourage me to speak to you about the senior needs in Crawford County.

There have been some conflicts that have arisen between members of the COA Board of Directors, staff and some senior citizens.

I believe the perception of the Senior Center belonging to just the small group that lives there is real. There has been no effort to change that truth. Use of that building is mandated by law. It is to be for the use of the residents who live in the low-income housing units. I have never been able to figure out how the Commission on Aging has been able to lease this year, at a reduced rate, the entire public space for any activity -- 24/7.

The perception that a small group of senior citizens control that leased space is wrong. The Commission on Aging controls that space and the fact of the matter is staff of the Housing Commission and Commission on Aging control that space.

Sherry Haag, prior director, stated

that the "center space" would always be there for the residents of the low-income housing. One more time, folks: The space now being leased by the Commission on Aging belongs to the housing unit for the use of its residents.

My issue has always been clearly single-minded. We are mandated to facilitate the "needs" services to the senior citizens of Crawford County. I thought I would be able to speak to that issue as a member of the Commission on Aging. Boy, was I wrong.

Now a new executive committee of the Commission on Aging has been formed to address the current conflicts. It consists of three COA Board members and its Director.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging has in its treasury fund account \$327,205.54 to be spent on the needs of senior citizens in our community -- \$102,512.60 of this fund is in the building fund category. Board Vice President Jack Mathank now has the opinion "that this money can be used for other senior needs." Cool.

My challenge to you, senior friends and agency chiefs: sharpen

your pencils as I know that the seniors you serve are in dire straits.

I say to you, Family Independence Agency: all those individual seniors or their spouses who do not "qualify" because they have worked all their lives and now have \$4 too much for your services, help us develop a plan.

To every county department head: what do your seniors need? May I suggest to public safety that they begin exploring issues that involve seniors, victims rights education and senior aid issues. Mentoring programs with the 4-H and property tax education on the new law for private property owners could be of service.

To the transportation people known as Dial-A-Ride: could we buy you a van for senior transportation needs? Seniors have asked for this many times. We could also use Health Department education and outreach services. Mental Health issues of seniors could be more readily addressed. Please ask for our help to solve these problems. If I missed anybody, please do not hesitate to get involved. Seniors need

your services and your professional ability.

To the private agencies in Crawford County: I understand your frustration in your shrinking ability to serve the many needs of the senior community. The Commission on Aging can help and must help. Please come forward with your needs.

I appreciate the senior citizens of this community who have always been an encouragement to me in my professional life and more so in my private life. I have learned so much about your struggles and your generosity to others. I have been mentored well in senior needs. I realize this is a burden to others.

I appreciate the education you have given me on the present Commission on Aging. I think I have graduated now to want-to-be senior citizen status and will now ask to be replaced on the Commission on Aging.

I hold no animosity and never have... I hold you all in high regard and always will... My prayer is for justice and then we can enjoy the peace. Kindest regards to you all.

Barbara A. Selesky
Frederic

church or company on one is terrific, it's still important to note that bricks are \$100 each and after imprinting, \$75 from the sale of each brick is still being added to the fund.

Also, with the opening of the new facility right around the corner, ask yourself if you, your family or those groups with whom you share interests, have taken a small part in making history here as memorial books, tapes and videos for adults and/or children can still be purchased for a \$10 donation.

Larger items from the Wish List are still available as well, such as an overhead projector (\$400), a lamination machine (\$1,200) and an outdoor bicycle rack (\$450). The Oxford World Geography does not come cheap (\$480 for eight volumes) nor does the "I Wonder Why" series for children (\$430). We have

a sponsor for the 20-volume set of the Oxford English Dictionary, but not for the "USA in Space" collection (\$380).

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continued interest and the increase in membership, we're thinking of adding a dog to the mix.)

Membership applications, Memorial Brick forms and the Wish List book can all be found at the main branch library in Grayling. All donations for any of the above may be made to Friends of Crawford County Libraries, 100 S. James Street, Grayling, MI 49738. Our best to you in the New Year.

Shirley D. Schmoeck
Friends Treasurer

Here's an update on donations for new library

To the editor,

Book lovers and readers of Crawford County and beyond... congratulations! Your outpouring of support and financial generosity for the new Devereaux Library in Grayling has been nothing less than miraculous. Let us tell you why:

Due to your interest in the Memorial Brick program and those choosing items to sponsor from our Wish List, the Reading Garden has been funded 100%. We are also proud to announce that most of the proceeds from bricks purchased have gone directly into the "New Book Fund." Friends recently presented the library with a check for \$3,300 and have committed another \$3,000... all earmarked to purchase new books and materials.

Because Memorial Bricks are still being sold, and having your class name or that of your association,

or company on one is terrific, it's still important to note that bricks are \$100 each and after imprinting, \$75 from the sale of each brick is still being added to the fund.

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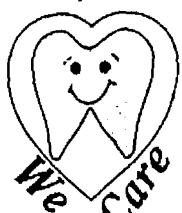
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Sheriff tasked with DNA collection

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Samples must be taken from each felon following conviction in a Crawford County court. Lovely said some misdemeanor convictions also call for DNA collection. Those misdemeanors primarily focus on sex-related offenses, such as enticing a child, indecent conduct, and "window peeping."

In theory, the convict must pay a \$60 DNA collection fee, \$15 of which goes to the county. Sheriff Lovely said it is unlikely the county will realize any revenue from the service. "It's kind of hard to get money out of someone while they are sitting behind bars."

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Sixth graders study Christmas celebrations



During the two weeks prior to winter break, sixth grade students at Grayling Middle School researched the Christmas celebrations of different countries. The students made brochures for their country describing the events, a recipe, and a map of their country. The big finale was a feast on December 21, where each continent had an exhibit displaying the brochures and actual artifacts. Paul Awrey (above), made a gingerbread house (left) and brought it in to show.

New city hall may be built on Bear Archery property

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Phase I environmental site assessment has been conducted at the property, and it showed potential for contamination. A Phase II assessment was then completed, and though the final results weren't available prior to last Monday's council meeting, Gannon was able

to say that at least some contamination was found through the Phase II test. The next step, according to Gannon, is to have another assessment done to determine the location and degree of contamination.

The city vacated its city hall in January, 2000 in order to lease the entire building to the expanding

State Police Crime Lab. The city council has looked into several possibilities since that time for a new office building while leasing temporary office space on M-72 West, and the former Bear Archery property has consistently been one of the top location choices discussed by council members.

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8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL: Grayling 31, Gaylord 28 - Grayling 44, Houghton Lake 27

8th graders win 7th straight game

► Vikings remain undefeated with wins over Gaylord and Houghton Lake

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade (white) boys basketball team defeated Houghton Lake by 17 points and squeaked by Gaylord 31-28 last week to stay undefeated. The Vikings are now 7-0 so far this season.

At Gaylord on Monday, the Vikings survived a late run by Gaylord to win 31-28.

"We only had eight players available for the game," said Coach Jim Burch. "Gaylord had 17 players on their roster and they were platooned against us."

"We played well for three-and-a-half quarters," Burch said. "We had a 10-point lead with about three minutes to go in the game and didn't take care of the ball. We had four consecutive turnovers which were turned into baskets. We missed many easy baskets."

Joel Wilson was the scoring leader for Grayling in the Gaylord game with 15 points. Ryan Feldhauser, Matt Larson, Zack Dean, and Mitchell Salyers also scored for the Vikings in the match.

Grayling won its seventh straight game of the season with a 44-27 victory over Houghton Lake in Grayling on Wednesday.

"I was pleased with the way the team played," said Coach Burch. "We had balanced scoring, which is something we've been working on

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See "8TH GRADERS WIN..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Neil Cook drives in for a fast break lay-up last Wednesday in Grayling's 44-27 win over Houghton Lake in Grayling.

9th grade volleyball team wins at Gladwin

► Grayling girls win games two and three to take the series 2-1 vs. G's

Grayling High School overcame a slow start last Wednesday at Gladwin to win a freshman volleyball best-of-three series two games to one.

Gladwin won the first match 15-2, but Grayling rallied and won game two 15-3. The Vikings then took the rubber match 15-8.

"After a sluggish first game the girls came together to win the next two games," said Coach Amy Owen. "Our serving and passing improved during the match. Jodi Riddle and June Clark's serving kept us in the lead. The team carried its winning momentum through the

match without any lapses."

Serving leaders for Grayling in the series included: Clark, 15/18; Riddle, 10/11; Elizabeth Banda, 8/11; Jenny VanNuck, 6/9; Jenny Tozer, 6/9; Ellice Cross, 2/3; Jessica Pfaff, 1/2.

The Vikings will host Houghton Lake on Monday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. The freshman team will host Charlevoix and Petoskey on Wednesday, January 30, at 6 p.m.



The 2001-02 GHS freshman girls volleyball team: (front row left to right) June Clark, Jodi Riddle, Natalie Christman; (middle row, left to right) Jennifer Tozer, Elizabeth Banda, Coach Amy Owen, Jennifer VanNuck, Alyssa Ferrell; (back row, left to right) Ellice Cross, Jessica Pfaff.

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL: Grayling Vikings 59, Gladwin Flying G's 48

Vikings defeat Gladwin

► Grayling 9th graders outscore G's 22-5 in the third period of 59-48 win

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A strong third quarter performance helped propel Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team past the Flying G's of Gladwin by a final score of 59-48 last Thursday in Grayling.

The game was tied at halftime,

but the Vikings outscored Gladwin 22-5 in the third period to cruise to an 11-point victory.

Grayling edged the visiting G's 10-9 in the first eight minutes of play. The Vikings scored first quarter points on (in order) a free throw by Matt Swope, a drive by Ryan Schmidt, two free throws by Swope, a free throw by D.J. Metzer, a jump shot by Schmidt, and a drive by Schmidt.

The Vikings added another 14 points to their total in the second quarter with a jumper by Schmidt, a drive by Swope, a jump shot by

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Russ Peters drives toward the basket for Grayling against Gladwin last Thursday.

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Varsity basketball squad loses 2

► Vikings fall to Houghton Lake and Tawas in road games last week

After winning three games in a row, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team has now lost three consecutive games.

Last week, the Vikings were defeated at Houghton Lake 70-57 on Tuesday, then they lost 67-54 at Tawas on Friday in a conference match-up.

"First of all, Houghton Lake played very well," Coach Rich Moffit said of Tuesday night's game. "Their kids really pounded

the boards hard and I thought that was a huge difference in the game. They used their athleticism very well throughout the game."

"A key for us was in two areas: shot selection and rebounding. We shot way too many threes in this game. Instead of being patient and creating a great shot, we took the first look from three-land and launched it," Coach Moffit said.

"Rebounding has also been a key for us. In our four losses, our opponents have out-rebounded us 144-98. Houghton Lake out-boarded us 38-25. In our four wins, we have beaten our opponents on the boards 136-111. We are 4-0 when we out-rebound our opponents, 0-4 when we lose the battle of the boards. As

Coach Izzo (of MSU) says, 'Rebounding is hustle and desire.'"

R.J. Schmidt was the leading scorer for GHS against Houghton Lake with 26 points. Nick D'Amour added 11.

The non-conference loss dropped Grayling's record to 4-4 overall.

On Friday, the Vikings lost at Tawas 67-54.

The loss, Grayling's third straight, dropped Grayling's league record to 3-3, 4-5 overall. Oscoda and Standish Sterling are now tied for first place in the conference at 5-1, and Grayling is tied for second with three other teams.

The Vikings play at Standish Sterling Central on Friday, January 25. On Tuesday, January 29, the

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VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
Oscoda	5-1	7-2
Standish Sterling	5-1	6-3
Tawas	3-3	4-5
GRAYLING	3-3	4-5
BC John Glenn	3-3	4-7
Ogemaw Heights	3-3	3-6
Pinconning	2-4	5-5
Gladwin	0-6	1-8

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team will host the Bobcats of Houghton Lake.

JV basketball team wins at Tawas

► Vikings defeat Braves on Friday, fall to Houghton Lake on Tuesday

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the Braves of Tawas 56-40 on the road last Friday but lost to the Houghton Lake Bobcats 48-47 in Houghton Lake on Tuesday.

Against Tawas on Friday, Grayling got off to a good start and

held on for a 16-point win.

"We started out strong and jumped out to a 16-0 lead," Coach Butch Hayes said. "Then they fought back. Our fourth quarter was good, we controlled the tempo."

Grayling outscored Tawas 21-4 in the first quarter, but the Braves shaved nine points from Grayling's advantage with a 17-8 second period. After an even third quarter, Grayling held Tawas to four points in the last eight minutes of play while scoring 14 fourth quarter points to cap the win.

Travis Gildner was the scoring leader for GHS with 17 points. Roy Czapек had 14 and Andy Strohpaul finished with 11 points. Joe Zelek, Ryan Davis, Caleb Mead, Phil Armstrong, and Greg Morrill also scored for Grayling in the match.

At Houghton Lake on Tuesday, the Vikings were behind 30-23 at halftime, then fought back to within striking distance, took the lead, but couldn't quite complete the comeback. Houghton Lake won 48-47.

"We played sluggish at the start, then came from behind to take the

8th grade squad falls to Gaylord and Houghton Lake

► 'Green' team loses to Blue Devils and Bobcats in games last week

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team lost to Gaylord and Houghton Lake last week.

On Monday, the Vikings fell to the Blue Devils of Gaylord 38-30 in Gaylord.

"A good team effort," said Coach Gary Summers, "with lots of players getting in scoring. Free throws were our downfall. We hit 8 of 27."

Bob Starks, J. C. Schneider,

Reagan Schmidt, Zach Baker, A.J. Powers, and Zeke Hayes all had points for GMS in the match.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost a home match against the Houghton Lake Bobcats 47-35.

"Another good effort against a very good team," said Coach Summers. "Losses we have had this season have been against very talented teams. Free throws again were a big problem, we hit only 9 of 20."

Starks led Grayling with 11 points against HL. Schmidt had nine, and Baker finished with six.

The Vikings will host Roscommon on Monday, January 28.

7th grade 'green' team loses to Gaylord, HL

► Vikings fall to Houghton Lake on the road, lose to Gaylord in Grayling

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade (green) boys basketball team lost a home game to Gaylord and a road match at Houghton Lake last week.

On Monday, the Vikings fell to Gaylord 41-29 in Grayling.

"The Vikings hustled on offense and defense, posting their high score for the season. The boys played really hard against a good and tall Gaylord squad," Coach Mark Hartman said.

Nick Parkinson, Scott Olson, Jim Boylan, Cory Metzer, and

Jeff Bancroft all had points for GMS in the match, which featured balanced scoring by the Vikings.

On Wednesday, Grayling lost to the Houghton Lake Bobcats 26-17 at Houghton Lake.

"Grayling played a really good first half," said Coach Hartman. The Vikings led by five at half-time.

"The team played hard and never gave up, but just had a hard time against Houghton Lake's defense," Hartman said.

Olson, Boylan, Andy Hart, Justin Summers, Bancroft, and Metzer all had points for Grayling in the match.

The Vikings will play at Roscommon on Monday, January 28.

Freshman boys basketball team defeats Gladwin

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Swope, a jumper by Hinkle, a shot inside by Russell Peters, and a lay-up by Hinkle.

Grayling outscored Gladwin 10-4 in the last four minutes of the third quarter. Grayling's 10 points included two free throws by Swope, a shot inside by Schmidt, a lay-up by Metzer, a jumper by Schmidt, and free throws by James Haven and Hinkle.

The Vikings led by 17, 46-29, going into the fourth quarter.

Grayling hit eight free throws out of 12 attempts in the fourth quarter and scored additional points on a triple by Swope and a shot inside by T.J. Luke. Gladwin put forth a strong surge in the final 1:30 of the game, but it was too late.

The Vikings held on for a 59-48 victory.

"This team is really starting to come together," said Coach Joe Mau. "The boys continue to work hard in practice and are improving every week. Our record may be 2-5, but this team is ready to turn the corner."

Against Gladwin, Swope was Grayling's leading scorer with 18 points. Schmidt finished with 14 points and five steals, and Hinkle added nine points.

Peters led all rebounders with 12 boards.

The freshman team will host the Spartans of Pinconning on Thursday, January 24, at 6:15 p.m.

On February 1, the freshman squad will start a tripleheader at Grayling Middle School with a 4:30 p.m. game against Bay City John Glenn JV and varsity contests will follow.

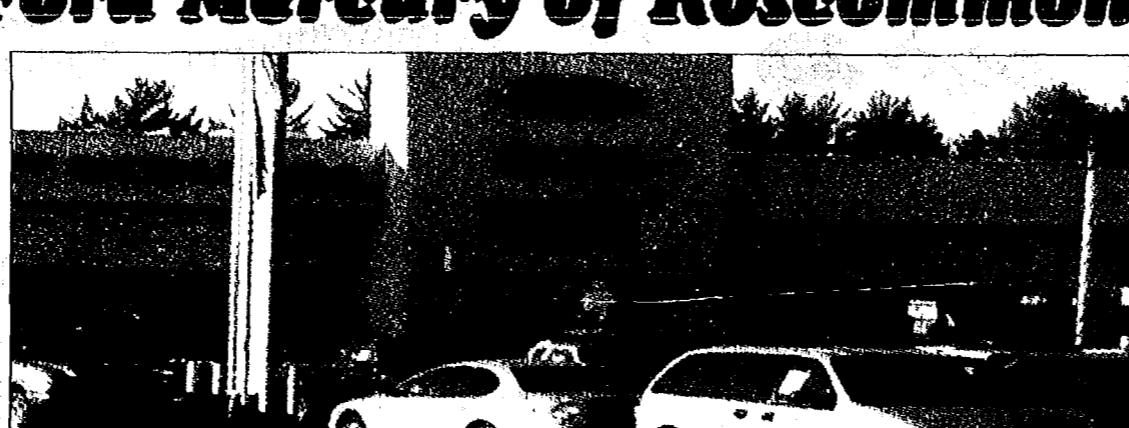
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Are changes in store?

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winter and girls volleyball from winter to fall, simply swaps three teams for three teams, all of which play indoors.

(Grayling middle school sports programs have eight basketball teams – four girls teams and four boys teams – and combining them all into one season would be a problem, Banda said, but middle school sports may not be affected since the MHSAA does not actively govern middle school athletics.)

"A potential positive is the girls basketball team will get the opportunity to play bigger crowds," Banda said.

If the sports seasons have to be re-aligned, basketball teams may have to abandon their current game day format (JV, then varsity) for a system that would have the boys and girls varsity teams playing one night, and the two JV squads playing a different night.

The switch to boys varsity and girls varsity playing on the same night could boost attendance for the girls, but it could be a detriment to varsity coaches trying to keep track of their respective programs. "Head coaches might not get to see their feeder programs," Banda said.

There is also a question of how officials may react to the changes, such as how many might have to choose "one or the other" and whether or not there will be

enough referees, Banda said. Banda said he is also concerned about the volleyball program. "Our volleyball team plays half its matches on Saturday. It's not too difficult to give up a weekend in the winter, would it be in the fall? I'm concerned that we might lose athletes."

Michigan was one of only four U.S. states to have sports seasons out of line with college seasons, and the other three are in the process of converting, Banda said.

"The Michigan model may be different, but it has never discriminated against girls," said MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts. "To the contrary, our girls get the best available coaching, officiating, media attention, facility usage, and as a result, participation continues to grow annually. The reason is the seasons schools have chosen. And while school sports do not exist to be a training ground for the so-called 'next level' of participation, our girls continue to enjoy unprecedented college athletic scholarship opportunities. Again, the reason is the seasons."

"The MHSAA," according to the association, "is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition."

8th graders win 7th straight game

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– trying to get everyone involved in the offense. Our defense still needs work, as does our rebounding, and we still need to work on our free throw shooting."

Feldhauser and Wilson led the offensive charge for Grayling with



Ryan Feldhauser shoots a three-pointer for Grayling against Houghton Lake last Wednesday.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Womens Team
ROSCOMMON — Freshman guard Becca Miller scored a career-high 32 points, but her big sister, Hannah, scored the biggest basket of the game for her team as the tandem from Mio led Kirtland to a 79-75 victory Wednesday over St. Clair.

Becca came off the bench to lead her team to a thrilling comeback,

running the offense from her point guard position after the Lady Firebirds fell behind 11-0 and 14-2 to start the game. But never has she been so assertive as a shooter – and rarely has she been more effective. She made eight of 12 shots from the floor and all five of her free throws.

"With Brandi out, we needed somebody to step up and take charge," Coach Jimmy Parker said, referring to his team's best player, forward sophomore forward Brandi Bates. She missed her third straight game with a sprained ankle.

"Becca just took over. She is a really smart player, and she just took charge. What can you say without getting emotional? She was just great."

But with the game hanging in the balance in the final minute, the Firebirds clinging to a one-point lead, Hannah Miller – who had endured a rare, poor-shooting night – connected on a long three-point basket from the top of the key to ice Kirtland's first-ever victory in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. The Lady Firebirds are 1-2 in conference play and 8-9 overall heading into Saturday's game against northern

rival Alpena.

Parker was careful, however, to spread credit for the win to other members of the team. Sophomore forward Megan Hardy played her best game of the season, scoring 20 points, including the first seven for her team, and hauling down a team-high 11 rebounds.

And freshman Jillian Schultz had her strongest game against her toughest individual opponent. She scored six points and had eight rebounds, but never backed down from St. Clair's sophomore center Melissa Treppa, who led her team with 23 points and 14 rebounds. St. Clair fell to 1-3 and 7-9.

"I'm very pleased with our effort tonight," Parker said. "We worked hard and we hung in there, especially after we got so far behind in the first three minutes of the game."

ALPENA — Having a short bench doesn't necessarily mean there's a shortage of talent. Kirtland's Lady Firebirds proved that in a scintillating 86-77 double-overtime victory Saturday over Alpena in which the reserves played a pivotal role.

With only nine players, and one of them nursing injury, the ranks of reinforcements were thin. But never were they more important than in a very physical game between two northern rivals that have established a bitter rivalry in just two years of competition.

"It's turning into a pretty good rivalry," Kirtland Coach Jimmy Parker said. "A lot of the girls on both sides know each other from playing against one another in high school. There's a lot of pride."

And Kirtland's pride took a hit

after the Lady Firebirds squandered a 10-point lead late in the first half. Midway through the second period, Alpena enjoyed a nine-point lead. Enter the cavalry off KCC's bench.

"Our role players came off the bench and really did a great job for us when we needed them," Parker said. "We have a great bench. We don't get a lot of scoring, but we get heart defense, and that's what we really needed."

Like freshmen forwards Arica Wolcott and Anna Umlor, each providing stifling defense when Alpena threatened to run away with the lead. And Kristy Hulbert, whose ball-handling skills and court sense were key to Kirtland's comeback – and critical to holding the comfortable lead the Lady Firebirds finally built in the second overtime.

Then there was Brandi Bates, the star sophomore forward injured seven seconds into the conference opener on Jan. 5, who finally returned to action with 3:57 left in regulation Saturday – her lower left leg still badly discolored from an ankle sprain.

"She wanted to play really bad the whole game. She kept tugging on my sleeve and I finally put her in there," Parker said.

It took Bates all of 17 seconds to get the ball inside and hit a key eight-foot jumper that brought her team within two, 61-59. Moments later, she was fouled and hit the second of two free throws to tie the game with 25 seconds left in regulation, setting up overtime.

In the first five-minute extra period, Hannah Miller hit two three-point baskets, including one off the glass with 34 seconds left to force the second OT tied at 73. The tug-of-war lasted for nearly three minutes, when Bates grabbed a rebound and put it in to give her team a 78-77 lead. Moments later, Miller hit another three for a four-point lead. Kirtland continued to pad at the free throw line.

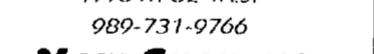
"It was a good win, but it should have been in regulation," Parker said. "We had a lot of unforced errors the first 10 minutes of the second half. But when we needed it our defense was superb, we got some clutch rebounds and we had the right players in there when we needed to protect the ball, including Kristy."

Hannah Miller finished with 27 points, including six of 12 from three-point range. Sister Becca Miller had 13. Amy Jordan had 18 steals, a team-high nine rebounds, seven steals and five assists, and Jillian Schultz scored 19 for Kirtland, which won its second straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association victory to improve to 2-2 in the conference and 9-9 overall.

Gaylord Cinema West

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NOW SHOWING
Jan. 25th - Jan. 31st



Snow Dogs - PG-13

Starring - Cuba Gooding Jr.
• 7 & 9:00pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:00pm

A Beautiful Mind - PG-13

Starring - Russell Crowe & Ed Harris
• 7 & 9:30pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:30pm

Orange County - PG-13

Starring - Colin Hanks
• 7 & 9pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4pm

Black Hawk Down - R

Starring - Ewan McGregor
• 7 & 9:30pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2:15pm

Mothman Prophecies - PG-13

Starring - Richard Gere & Leura Linney
• 7 & 9:15pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15pm

The Count of Monte Cristo - PG-13

Starring - Jim Caviezel
• 7 & 9:25pm Nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:25pm

J. Dap Co.

Vikings of the Week



Heather VanDecar
Keil Clough

Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland

HEATHER VANDECAR & KEIL CLOUGH

Heather's times were used for team totals in 8 out of 10 races last week.

Keil was the boys team's top skier for the week with

10 out of 10 times used

for team totals, including

two 1st place finishes and

four 2nd places.

Evenings Adults \$6.25 • Children \$4.75 • Seniors \$5.25
• Tuesday Senior Matinee \$5
Matinees • All Seats \$4.25

BOWLING LEAGUE

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair . . . 19- 5
 Chicken Little Joint Project 15- 9
 Fick & Sons 15- 9
 Charlie's Country Corner 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Ken's Tire & Auto 12- 12
 Double Trouble 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -15 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Newly Weds 8- 16
 Aunt Betty's 6- 18
 High Game Men: D. Brannan, 230;
 R. Marwede, 227; D. Canfield, 226.
 High Series Men: D. Canfield, 627;
 R. Marwede, 623; D. Wallace, 583.
 High Game Women: S. France, 222;
 N. Trudeau, 200; Y. Schreiber, 191.
 High Series Women: S. France, 645;
 K. Moshier, 537; Y. Schreiber, 527.

Recreation

Mickey Perez CPA 13 - 5
 Scheer Motors 12 - 8
 Skyline Ski & C.C. 11 - 9
 Chicken Little Joint Project 10 - 10
 Gale Enterprises 9 - 11
 Peterson Saw Service 9 - 12
 Glen's Market 8 - 12
 Woody Girls' 8 - 12
 High Series: S. Johnson, 526; N.
 Root, 507; M. Starks, 493.
 High Game: S. Johnson, 198; J.
 Czapek, 183; N. Root 183.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy 42 $\frac{1}{2}$, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2

Northwood

Riverland 15 - 5
 Hart Pontiac-GMC 14 - 6
 Corky's Karaoke 13 - 7
 R. Calkins and Sons 12 - 8
 R & M Masonry 12 - 8
 Plaza Bar 6 - 14
 Hometown 5 - 15
 North Michigan Financial 3 - 17
 High Game: M. Starks, 213; S.
 Romain, 196; J. Cousins, 184.
 High Series: M. Starks, 567; S.
 Romain, 521; B. Lifford, 482.

Sunday Nite Mixed

Moshier Auto Repair 31 - 4
 Wakeley's Auto Parts 23 - 12

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of December 2001

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Moshier, Awiszus, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Caleb Casey, Rodney Adkison, Karl Schriener, Skip Madsen, Gail Madsen, Alan Somero, Bob Butzin, Carl Lehto, Karl Awiszus, Tim Coe, Dennis Long.

Public Hearing. Trash Ordinance Revision.

Mayor Wyman opened the Public Hearing on the Trash Ordinance Revision at 7:32 PM. This public hearing was to receive input on the time of trash pick-up in residential areas. There were no written questions or comments. From the audience Mr. Butzin has no problem changing the time of pick-up from 7 AM to 6 AM. This would help with the traffic problem the garbage trucks are having at 7 AM. There were no other questions or comments. Mayor Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

a. Annual Christmas Potluck.

b. Grayling Police Department Report for November 2001.

c. 911 Activity Report for November 2001.

d. Letter from City Attorney.

01-189

Moved by Banda, supported by Awiszus to appoint Roger Moshier to the Housing Commission to take the place of Marilyn Palmer from Council. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

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b. MERS Payment.

01-193

Moved by Hayes, supported by Moshier to amend the General Fund Expenditures from \$1,776,617.00 to \$1,876,617.00 to allow for the additional payment of \$100,000.00 to MERS for the City's unfunded liability.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

c. Strategic Planning Session.

Council would like the City Manager to look for another facilitator for this planning session. Will try and set Saturday, January 12, 2002 in the AM. Will get back to Council as soon as a date is set.

d. Proposed Nuisance Ordinance.

Council went over this proposed Ordinance and made changes which the City Manager will make and bring back to Council at the next meeting. A Public Hearing will be set for January 28, 2002.

e. Bids for the O'Brien Water Jet. There were two bids received at City Hall.

01-194

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus to accept the bid from the Road Commission for Crawford County in the amount of \$1600.00 for the O'Brien Water Jet.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

f. Airport Letter of Understanding.

The City Manager met with Jim Downer and gave Council MDOT's proposed letter of Understanding. Council was not comfortable with the proposed draft and asked the City Manager to discuss their concerns with Jim Downer and report back.

g. Policy Manual Changes.

Police Chief Schriener addressed Council with his concerns and safety issues with the policy manual regarding the use of police vehicles.

01-195

Moved by Hayes, supported by Awiszus to accept change to read from Chief Schriener's

USDA - Forest Service Huron - Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District

On January 11, 2002 Acting Mio District Ranger Charles J. Andrina signed a decision to implement the Harbor Dune Project. This decision includes the following actions: 1) thinning approximately 613 acres mixed oak and under planting 100 red and white pine seedlings per acre; 2) regenerating approximately 6 acres of mixed oak via clearcutting, prescribed burning, and planting 400 red and white pine seedlings per acre; 3) regenerating approximately 251 acres of mixed oak with shelterwoods and planting 100 red and white pine seedlings per acre; 4) creating approximately 10 acres of oak savannah; 5) prescribed burning approximately 156 acres for site preparation; 6) constructing approximately 2.0 miles of temporary roads; and 7) closing approximately 6.5 miles of system roads. This project would be completed through 3 Timber Sales over the next 3-5 years.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7 by those who provided comments on this specific project prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. A written Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 45 days of the date that notice of this decision is published in the Oscoda County Herald. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the next Federal working day. The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:

USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region
 ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO)

310 West Wisconsin Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Mio Ranger District, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 826-3252, TTY (989) 826-3592.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition.

01-196

Moved by Hayes, supported by Moshier to extend this meeting past 9:30 P.M.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

c. Mr. Moshier attended the Grayling

Township Meeting to hear an update of the Township Industrial Park and grants for development. Beaver Creek is putting in their own water system. A road from the City Industrial Park to 4 Mile Road would be beneficial to the City. Another meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2002 Grayling Township. John Peck will be there to set up infrastructure of the Township Industrial Park.

d. Mr. Moshier attended a Parks Committee meeting as an observer.

The Booster Club has no representative on this committee. Ms. Awiszus will contact the Booster Club and try to get a representative.

e. Mr. Moshier inquired about the snow

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01-197

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New Business:

a. North Down River Road Easement.

01-199

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to approve an easement for highway purposes

and for the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, motion carried.

b. City Car. No action was taken.

c. Audit Report.

The City of Grayling received a very good audit report from Hill, Schrader & Co. They gave the City Manager and City Treasurer much credit for

all their help whenever they called or came over. They would like to see a cost of living raise in the water and sewer department yearly.

We have recently installed new meters, and they are making a difference. The Council will wait for a full year to see where the City stands.

d. Pleis & Vendenbrink letter.

After much discussion from the audience and council it was decided to table this item until the next meeting for all the information necessary to be collected.

e. Police Overtime.

Police Chief Schriener would like this to be tabled.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Ms. Madsen wanted to welcome Kathy Awiszus and Roger Moshier as new members of the City Council.

b. Mr. Wellman asked about an update on the proposed ice skating rink.

Mr. Banda wants to record that the first time he was aware of this project was two weeks ago. He has met with school superintendent and has preliminary approval. There will be a School Board Meeting on December 17, 2001. Some concerns to be addressed are lighting, closed campus during school hours and liability.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee. None.

Reports from Manager & Council Members.

a. Ms. Awiszus gave an update on the ice skating rink.

c. Mr. Banda thinks the ice skating rink is a good thing for our community and should be acted on soon. Lighting concerns should be addressed at this meeting before the School Board meets.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

46 Years Ago

January 26, 1956

The largest segment of the 46th Michigan National Guard Infantry Division will train at Camp Grayling this year from August 11 to August 25 according to Major General George C. Moran, Adjutant General for the State of Michigan who just released the training schedule which covers five different sites and five periods. Infantry regiments, artillery, ordnance and other allied units will make up the group training here with the total number of men and officers approaching the 10,000 mark.

In tribute to her 35 years as a Registered Nurse and particularly her service as County Nurse and in appreciation for her work in the fight against Polio, Johanna Gorman was guest of honor at a Monday evening dinner. The Grayling Kiwanis club, as a part of their program of service to the community, co-operated with the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to honor Mrs. Gorman at a well attended dinner meeting at Wirt's Lone Pine Inn.

The program, witnessed by over 56 persons from Grayling and Roscommon, saw a humble person receive unexpected expressions of appreciation from those she has served since 1921.

About 205 Crawford County youngsters in the kindergarten and first grade received an introduction to Dr. Jonns Salk by the way of his polio vaccine in the Grayling High School this Tuesday.

This is the second in the series of polio shots given to the smaller children under the auspices of the District Health Department No. 1. Letters were sent through the schools to the parents of these children, giving them an opportunity to request the vaccine for their child if they had not already received it from their family doctor.

69 Years Ago

January 26, 1933

Grayling High won three basketball games last Friday night in rapid succession. The first team took Lake City for a 23-9 count. The reserves rolled a 36-4 decision onto Lake City reserves.

The high school girls came from behind and corralled the decision over the Alumni by a 15-12 margin. A lot of action was presented to a good crowd in this three-ply attraction.

It is necessary for Charles Corwin to take a forced vacation from his milk route and other farm labors, owing to a broken collar bone. Mr. Corwin and his boys were hauling a load of poles on Saturday, January 14, when the poles started rolling off the truck onto him. He is convalescing nicely and expects to be back on the job in a couple of weeks.

A.L. Burridge of Cadillac, district superintendent of state highways, was in Grayling Monday and while here showed specification for the construction of a new bridge across the AuSable river on US-27 replacing the concrete bridge that is in present use. The new bridge will be built of steel and will have a width



WASHINGTON RANGERS-arrived in Grayling on Sunday morning, 24 hours behind schedule and not by parachute as previously planned. Bad weather conditions prevented the jump by 500 parachutists from the 2nd Battalion, 75th group from Ft. Lewis, Washington, who arrived aboard fourteen C-130 aircrafts at Grayling's McNamara Field throughout Sunday morning. Shown here is a group boarding a Camp Grayling bus after leaving their huge aircraft preparing to head for camp to spend two weeks in winter training at the base. (1979)

of 45 feet. There will be walks for pedestrians on each side. A new spillway will replace the present one. The latter has a width of 10 feet and the new one will be 17 feet wide, thus reducing the heavy flow below the dam. It is understood that this work will be started very soon. Much of the material for the bridge is already on the ground.

Elmer Neal is proud over the 9 pound pike he caught last Monday at Lake Margrethe. It is said to be the largest one caught at the lake this year.

92 Years Ago

January 27, 1910

At the annual meeting of the Crawford County Farmers Telephone Co., held here Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: pres. Frank Love; vice pres. Wm. Wallace; sec. J.J. Collens; treas. George Annis;

manager W.F. Johnson.

Mrs. Robert Roblin entertained a number of ladies at a "thimble" party on Thursday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served and the ladies were royally entertained.

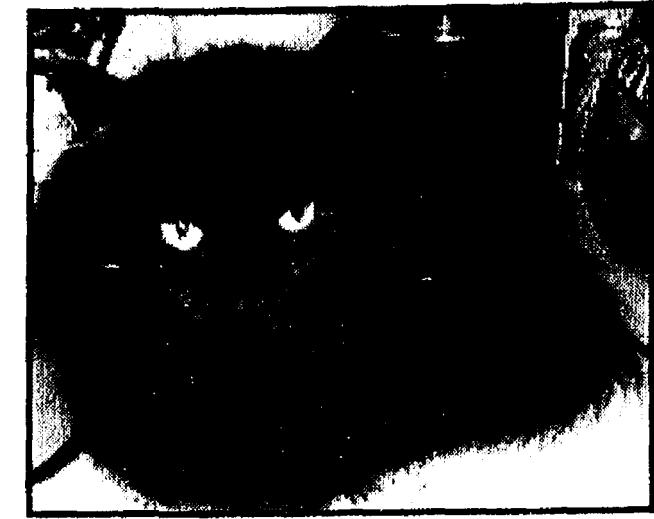
Miss Mabel McCutchen, teacher in the Benedict school district in Beaver Creek township treated her pupils to a sleigh ride last Friday afternoon. With well-filled lunch baskets they drove to the hospitable home of John Hanna.

R.D. Sherman of Lovells has severed his connection with T.E. Douglas and returned to Canada Thursday.

Mr. Miles has taken charge of the boarding house recently vacated by Adam Leash, who with his family left Friday for Pennsylvania.

W.T. Lewis of Frederic slipped on the ice Saturday, spraining his wrist very badly.

Adopt a Pet



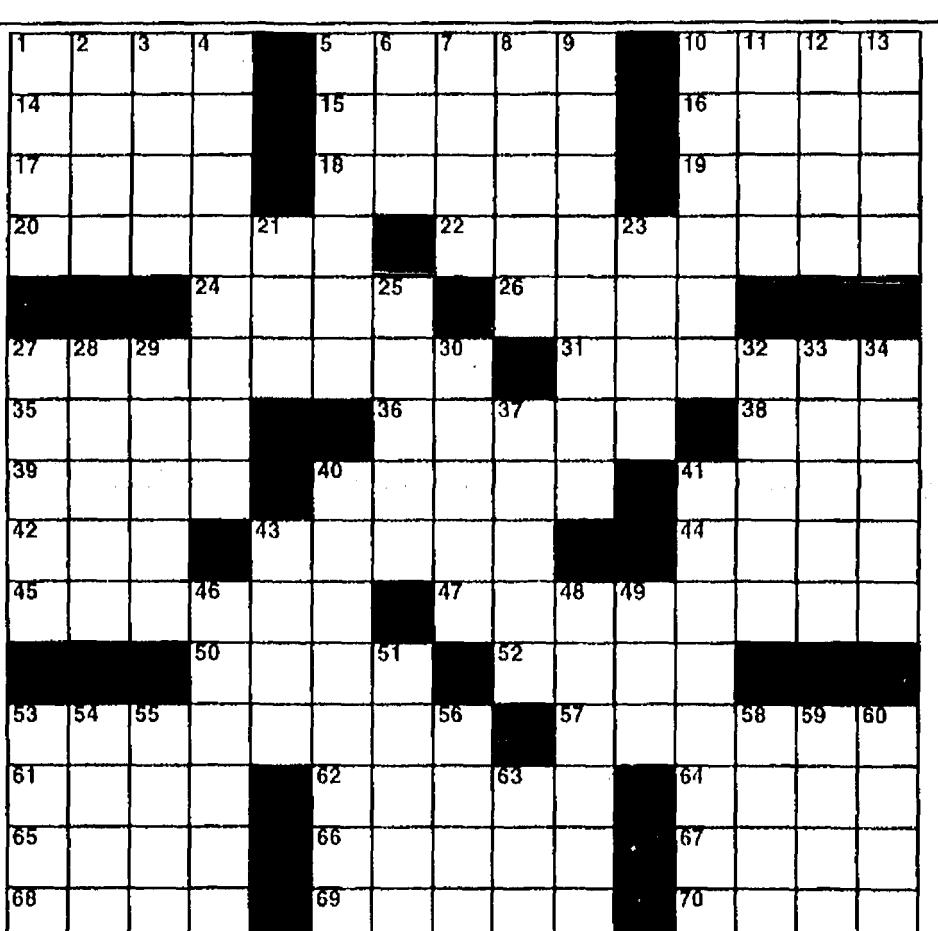
Belle is a 9 month to 1 year old, Long Haired Persian Mix. She is very friendly with all other animals, and people. If you are interested in helping Belle find a home, or about any of the animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, please call 348-4117.

If you are thinking about getting a pet, remember that a pet is a long term commitment. They need vaccinations and have to visit the doctor just as we do. They also need food, water, and attention. A pet who has a lot of attention develops good social habits and manners (something we all need). It is your responsibility to see that your pet doesn't bring unwanted litters into an already overcrowded animal world. Your dog or cat will live an average of 14 years, so if you can't see committing yourself for that long perhaps you should think about a hamster or guinea pig, their life spans are much shorter and, given love and attention, are great pets.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 1pm After hour appointments available.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- A way to fasten
- American Standard Code for Information Interchange: abbr.
- Fixed
- A rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together
- Hyperbolic cosecant: abbr.
- Phil ___, former CIA
- Cause to lose courage
- Away from wind
- Be in a huff
- Gore plant
- Frogs' residences, with "lily"
- A salt of any halogen acid
- Wood-eating insects
- An aromatic ointment used in antiquity
- Stretched light
- The part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline
- Hashish: shortened form
- Bird genus
- Karel ___, Czech writer
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- Unique
- Mackerels
- Organic compound
- Dined
- West German town
- Not one
- Pertaining to the skin
- Narrow strip
- Give over; surrender possession
- Rudolph ___, war criminal
- Dash, in Morse code
- Fog
- Cyprinids
- Capacitance unit
- Speak
- More unique
- 'Who ___ to cross my path?'
- Slender boat with pointed ends
- Black
- Clearances
- Type of whale bear that lives in the cold
- Speed
- In a way, honored
- Oasis (Arabic)
- Groaned
- Deservingnesses
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Coal formation
- Unit of measurement for paper
- Italian island
- Pakrit language
- Truth or ___
- A way to stay in one place
- James ___, American steam engineer
- Seized
- ___ do plume

DOWN

- Largest known toad species
- Exchange for money
- Toy dog
- Stick to
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- My Life With The Thrill Kill
- Cove
- Repeats
- Per ___, each

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

		WEATHER			
		Courtesy of the City of Grayling			
		Last Week		Extended Forecast	
Date	H	L	Snow	(Courtesy of the U.S. Exelte Weather)	
1/16	26	20	7	Wednesday	High
1/17	28	21	10	Thursday	High
1/18	23	14	15	Friday	High
1/19	17	-7	15	Saturday	High
1/20	27	-1	14	Sunday	High
1/21	31	23	13	PM Showers	Mostly Cloudy
1/22	31	16	12	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy



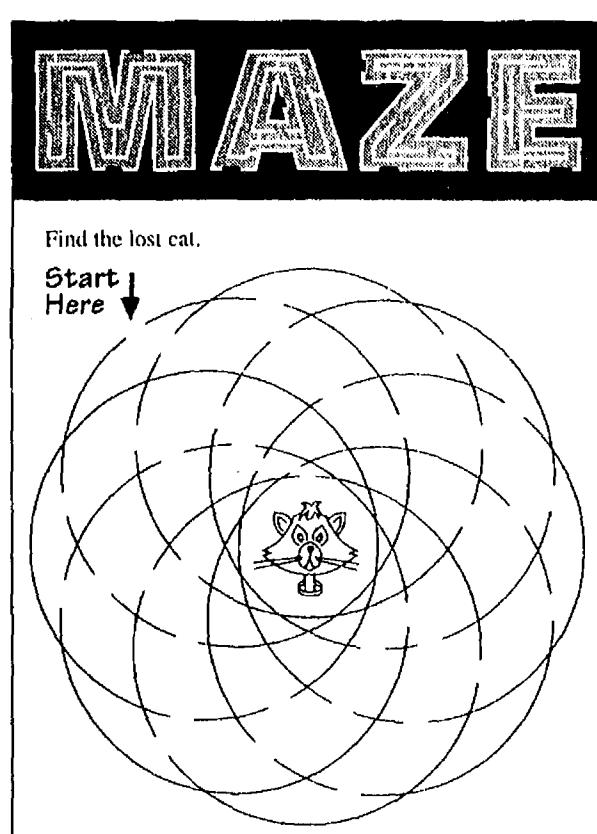
Cheddar Cheese Bread

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Ingredients

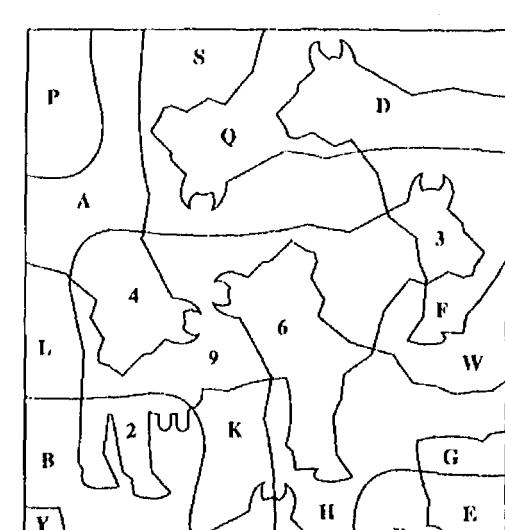
1/2 cup + 2 tbsp. water
1/4 cup milk
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 large egg
1 tsp. salt
2 3/4 cups bread flour
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. Bread machine yeast

Add ingredients to bread machine pan in the order suggested by manufacturer, adding cheese with flour. Recommended cycle: basic/white bread cycle; light color setting. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack.



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Your organizational skills are being put to the test but you're staying ahead of schedule and on top of things. A serious talk with a friend may keep a small problem from growing out of hand.

Don't be afraid to share your feelings with others and get a helping hand when you need it. Your social life picks up and you're in for a few surprises. Splurge on yourself a little.

Your talent and skills have stayed buried long enough. While being there for friends and family when needed, it's important to take some quality time for yourself. Watch your temper!

Leave your fears behind and plunge into a new situation. You'll be pleasantly surprised. Surround yourself with good friends and family. Offer your opinions in the course of conversation.

Don't get frustrated with the slow pace of change in your life—a major move is on the horizon. A wish for adventure may come true, but remember to keep in touch with friends and family.

Someone you least expect will turn out to be an ally. Be willing to trust a friend or family member with a secret. Look to the future and decide what you need to get where you're going.

Make sure your questions are answered before making a major purchase. Get the facts and study the details. Friends and family are drawn to your enthusiasm and energy. If you let them, people will help you.

Your sense of duty takes hold and you may try to do more than is possible. Know your limits and be prepared to call in reinforcements. People will help if you let them.

Family situations can be frustrating—try a new perspective to change things. A new project takes your mind off things and helps focus your energy. It's a good time to help others.

It's a perfect time to mix work and play. Be creative and find new ways to get more done in less time. Schedule some downtime with friends and family. Don't forget diet and exercise are important.

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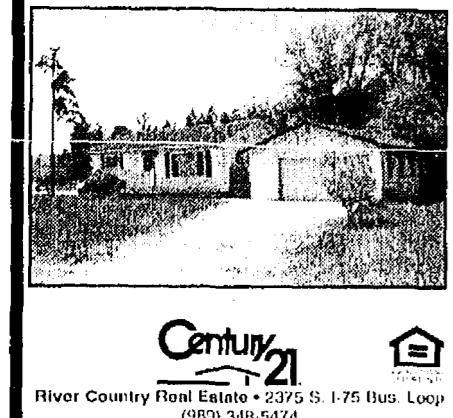
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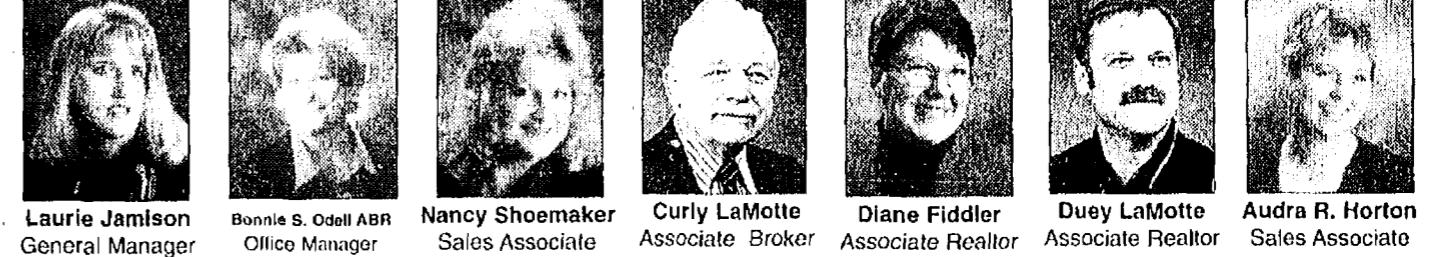
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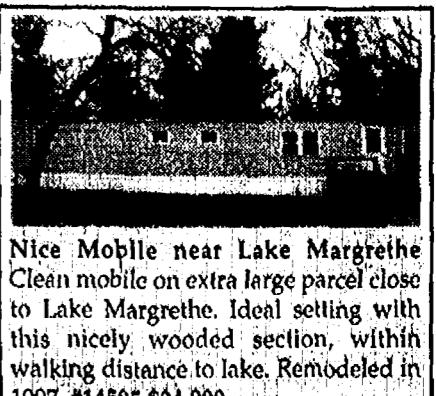
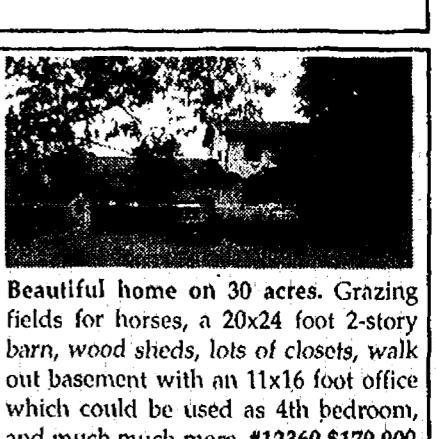
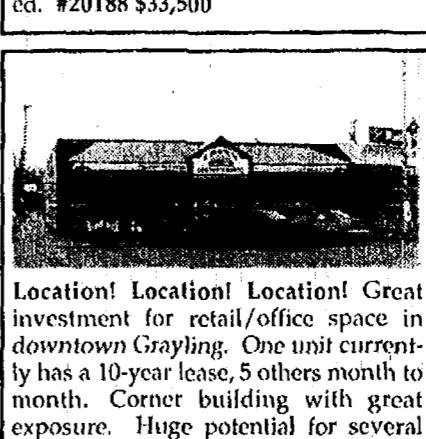
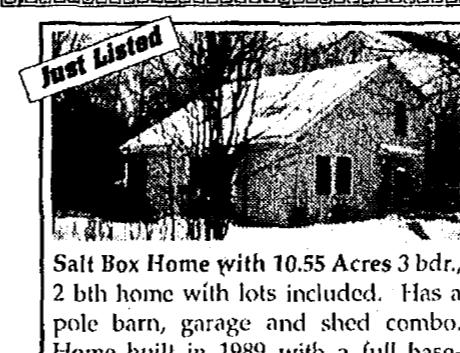


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7. Miscellaneous

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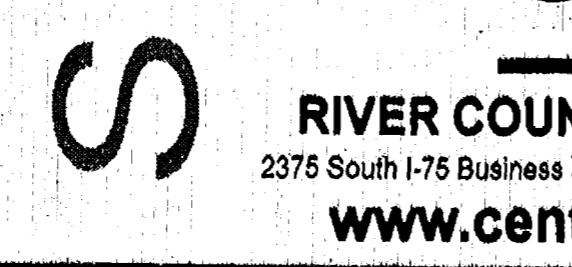
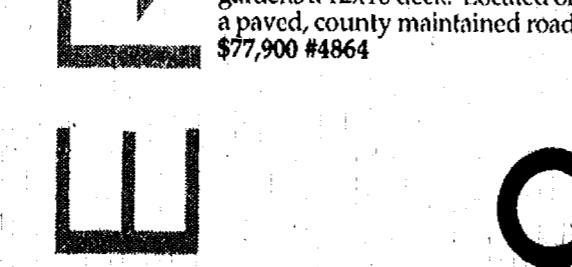
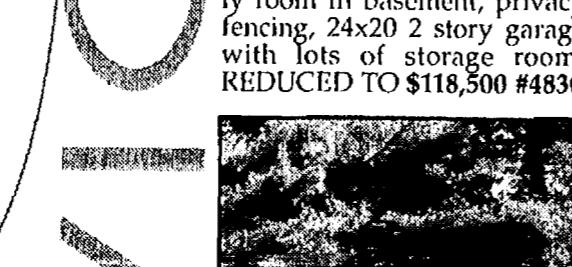
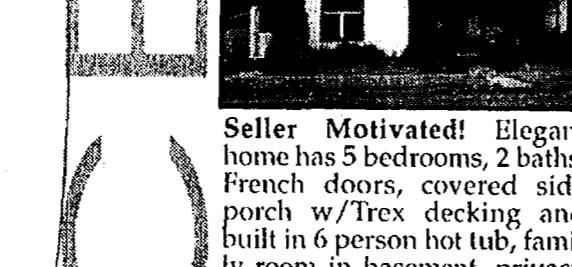
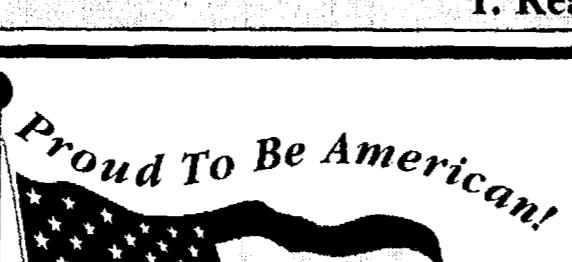
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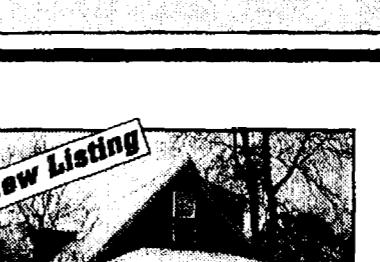
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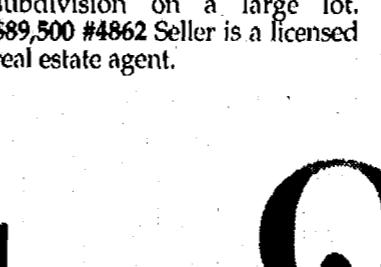
Three Bedroom, two bath home located in the City of Grayling. Home features a natural gas log fireplace, Corian counter tops in kitchen, cedar siding, newly stained, Michigan basement and convenient second floor utility room. \$75,000 #4900



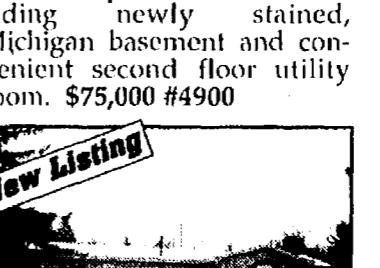
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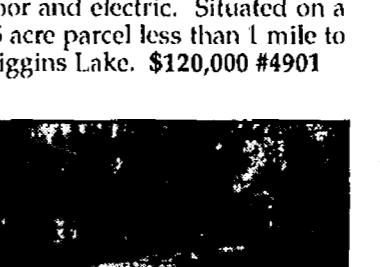
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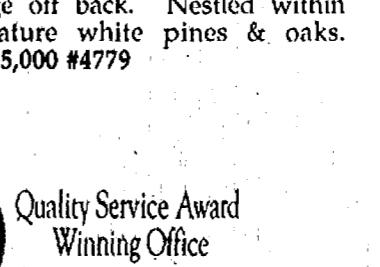
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8. Announcements

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BEAR ARCHERY EMPLOYEE REUNION/Fred Bear's 100th Birthday Celebration. Where: Grayling Holiday Inn. When: Tuesday, March 5, 2002. A time to reflect with old and new friends. Buffet Dinner, R.S.V.P. and tickets. Call Pete at 989-348-8627 (1/24/02tf/8)

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9 Personals

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY #1 Carl and Donna. #2 Jan. 21, 1940. #3 Lois J. Hatt. #4 Larry, Lance, Lonnie. #5 Krystel, Tiffany, Cody, Holly. #6 McLeans Ace Hardware. His name is Larry Davis Sr. Love ya lots, Lois. (-24/9)

11. Automotive

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